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COVAXIN'S EARLY TRIALS SHOW PROMISING RESULTS

Bharat Biotech's coronavirus vaccine has shown dual immune response, according to phase 1 & 2 results released on Wednesday

VACCINE CANDIDATE CURRENTLY IN PHASE-3

The vaccine has proceeded to phase 3 trial and the company has planned to test it in 26,000 individuals aged between 12 and 65 years across several states in the country. The Hyderabad-based firm, which has developed the vaccine in collaboration with the ICMR, has already sought emergency use approval from the Drug Controller General of India P9

HIGH ANTIBODIES IN PHASE-1 VOLUNTEERS

- In a double-blind, multi-centre, phase 2 clinical trial, 380 healthy individuals were randomised to receive two vaccine formulations and two intramuscular doses of vaccines four weeks apart
- In a follow-up of the phase 1 trial, Covaxin produced high levels of neutralising antibodies that remained elevated in all participants

6-12 months

RESEARCHERS CLAIM COVAXIN'S ANTIBODIES COULD LAST THAT LONG

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India told to pay ₹10K cr damages to Cairn Energy

The arbitration tribunal said the govt breached treaty obligations

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@ New Delhi

BARELY three months after Vodafone Plc won an international arbitration against India's ₹22,100 has crore retrospective tax demand, the country on Wednesday suffered another blow arising from the controversial 2012 amendment to its tax laws.

This time, a three-member arbitration tribunal under the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, has directed India to pay UK-based energy giant Cairn $1.2 billion in damages, along with interest and legal costs. The final amount India would have to pay if it doesn't challenge the award is likely to be $1.4 billion (over ₹10,300 crore), say sources.

"The tribunal ruled unanimously that India had breached its obligations to Cairn under the UK-India Bilateral Investment Treaty," the company said in a statement on Wednesday.

Image source: Twitter

The Government of India, for its part, said that it "will be studying the award and all its aspects carefully in consultation with its counsels".

After the UPA-led government lost its case against Vodafone Plc at the Supreme Court in 2012, then finance minister Pranad Mukherjee passed an amendment in law making the tax liability retrospective.

In March 2015, Cairn was slapped with ₹10,247 crore retrospective tax demand over gains from an internal reorganisation implemented in 2006-07. But unlike the Vodafone Plc case, where no overt action was taken by both the UPA and the subsequent NDA governments, Cairn's holdings were seized and then subsequently sold to realise the tax liability.

By 2011, Cairn Energy Plc had already sold its India subsidiary, Cairn India, to Vedanta Ltd, retaining only a 5% stake. But after the tax demand and subsequent initiation of arbitration by the company in 2015, GoI seized the stake and sold it to realise the claim.

It also seized dividends totalling ₹1,140 crore due to Cairn and set off a ₹1,590-crore tax refund against the demand.

90 DAYS TO FILE APPEAL

Govt has 90 days to mount an appeal against the order, say sources. In the case of Vodafone, this runs out on December 24 and no appeal has been filed yet. For Cairn, if it doesn't challenge the award, the cash outflow is set to be over ₹10,300 crore

WHAT IT MEANS

All activities will go on as usual from 5 am to 11 pm

No venturing out after 11 pm; guidelines soon

Those arriving at Bengaluru or Mangaluru airports from abroad must have RT-PCR Covid-19 negative certificate obtained 72 hours before their departure

Arrangements made at KIA to conduct tests; health staff to ensure no one enters Bengaluru without getting tested

UK returnees screened

Several UK returnees to Karnataka have been tested. Seven passengers in Mysuru, 6 in Mandya, 8 in Chitradurga and 7 in Davanagere are being monitored.

After flip-flop, night curfew from today in K'taka till Jan 2

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A day after denying that night curfew will be imposed in Karnataka, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday did a U-turn and announced its imposition from December 24, 2020 to January 2, 2021. The curfew will be in force between 11 pm and 5 am. However, Christmas midnight mass will be permitted, although guidelines on crowds restrictions and Covid-19 safety norms will have to be followed, the CM tweeted.

The decision to impose the night curfew was taken on the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as a precautionary measure amid concerns over the new Covid-19 strain spreading from the UK, which is believed to be 70 per cent more infectious. Karnataka is the second state after Maharashtra to announce night curfew.

Earlier in the day, CM had announced that night curfew will be imposed from Wednesday night itself and that it will be from 10 pm to 6 am on January 2. This was later changed after representatives of commercial establishments appealed to the CM to extend the timings. Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI) president Perikal M Sundar appealed to the CM that shutting down at 10 pm will cause losses to businesses, and urged him to enforce the curfew from 11 pm instead.

"This (night curfew) has been imposed to prevent and contain the spread of the coronavirus strain found in the UK, and we are also monitoring international passengers arriving in the state," Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, while adding that there will be no ban on inter-state travel. P3

Pruned Class 10 syllabus by Jan 6: Minister

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@ Bengaluru

THE truncated syllabus for Class 10 will be announced by January 6, and the time-table for both Classes 10 and 12 board examinations will also be announced by then, Primary and Secondary Education Minister has said.

In an exclusive interaction with The New Indian Express on Wednesday, he said although Class 12 syllabus has been cut by 30 per cent on the lines of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), for the SSLC syllabus, it will take a few days to work out precisely how much and what to cut without hurting sentiments or affecting the future prospects of students.

For now, the department has decided against having exams in March-April. We need to give the children reasonable time to learn and go through the syllabus and be confident. We cannot play with their lives

S Suresh Kumar, Primary and Secondary Education Minister

Explaining why it will take so many days to finalise the trimmed syllabus, he said they were trying to achieve two objectives — that minimum necessary learning for Class 10 students should not be affected and students should not feel the loss when they enter PUC; and two, unnecessary subjects should be avoided. "This is possible in most subjects, because we have spiral learning where we learn the same subject in Classes 8, 9 and 10. This is avoidable, but there is a catch – sentiments will be hurt and it becomes a touchy subject as to why the content was dropped," he said.

The minister said the shrunk Class 10 syllabus will retain the essentials required to be learnt while also ensuring that repetitive content from previous two years are cut.

The department was in a sticky situation after the last attempt in cutting down the syllabus as they were criticized for hurting the sentiments of some sections while deleting certain chapters. The minister assured that this year, the syllabus cut will be foolproof, controversy-free and will allow students to have reasonably sufficient syllabus as well as time to prepare.

Although classes will start on January 1, students will have just four classes per day and there will not be sufficient time. P2

Negotiation ball back in Centre's court as farmers seek concrete ideas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi/Chandigarh

THE weeks-long deadlock over the new farm laws continued on Wednesday with farmer unions demanding that the Union government offer concrete proposals, abandon its stubbornness and accept their demands to end their agitation. Both sides have now indicated they are ready for talks without budging on their core agenda.

After a meeting of their umbrella body, the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), farmer leaders said they were ready for talks but are waiting for the Centre to come to the table with an open mind. In a letter addressed to Vivek Aggarwal, Joint Secretary in the Union Agriculture Ministry, they said there was no clarity on various sticking points like guaranteeing the minimum support price mechanism, electricity amendment (ordinance) and ordinance on air quality.

The Centre is already on record as saying it is ready to discuss and address all concerns of the agitating farmers. And Prime Minister Narendra Modi will continue his outreach by interacting with farmers from six states on Friday. The day will also see nine crore farmers receiving ₹18,000 crore in their bank accounts through direct transfer as part of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

"We urge the government not to repeat the meaningless amendments we have already rejected but come up with a concrete proposal in writing so that the process of negotiation can be started as soon as possible," Swaraj Abhiyan chief Yogendra Yadav said. He is a member of the SKM.

Farmers gesture during their ongoing protest against the new farm sector reform laws, at the Singhu border in Delhi on Wednesday | PARVEEN NEGI

Committed to reforms

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the government will continue with reforms in the farm sector. "However old and strong the protest is, a solution can be arrived at only through talks," he said

"The government is constantly holding talks with so-called farmer leaders and organisations who are not associated with our movement. This is an attempt to break our movement. It is dealing with protesting farmers, the way it deals with the Opposition," Yadav added.

Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Mahasangh president Shiv Kumar Kakka said: "The government should abandon its stubbornness and create conducive environment for talks with protesting farmers and accept their demands. We have already told Union Home Minister Amit Shah that protesting farmers will not accept amendments."

All India Kisan Sabha leader Hannan Mollah alleged that the government wants to delay this resolution of the agitation and break the morale of the farmers. P9

Karnataka ranked sixth in UN sustainable development goals

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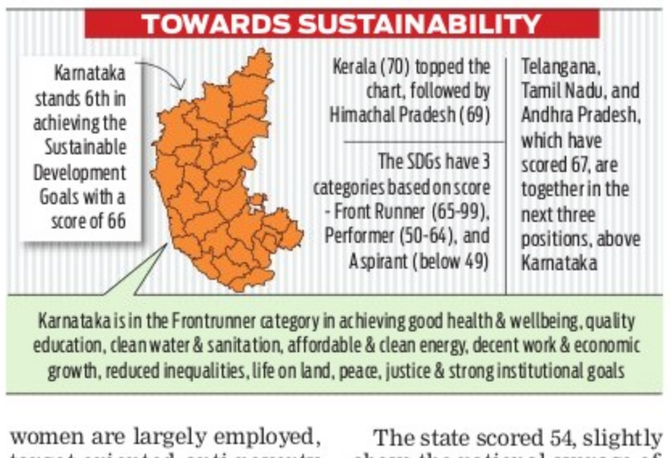
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has been ranked sixth in the country in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) set by the United Nations Organisation. However, it has scored low in achieving better results as regards goals such as poverty alleviation, zero hunger, gender equality and sustainable cities and communities.

The report, 'Sustainable Development Goals-Vision 2030 — Strategies and Action Plan for Karnataka', was released by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday. It says the state achieved 52 on a scale of 100 for 'Poverty' — below the national average of 54. "Increasing the coverage of social protection at a faster rate to reach the target of 100% by 2030, coverage of construction and the informal sector where women are largely employed, target-oriented anti-poverty package of schemes and programmes, cent percent coverage of all Below Poverty Line holders, redesigning and repackaging Self Help Group (SHG) programmes through convergence, skilling and marketing initiatives are the way forward," the report stated.


TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY
Karnataka stands 6th in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals with a score of 66
Kerala (70) topped the chart, followed by Himachal Pradesh (69)
The SDGs have 3 categories based on score - Front Runner (65-99), Performer (50-64), and Aspirant (below 49)
Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh, which have scored 67, are together in the next three positions, above Karnataka
Karnataka is in the Frontrunner category in achieving good health & wellbeing, quality education, clean water & sanitation, affordable & clean energy, decent work & economic growth, reduced inequalities, life on land, peace, justice & strong institutional goals

The state scored 54, slightly above the national average of 48, in the 'Zero Hunger' goal. The report recommended ensuring nutrition security and addressing low productivity in agriculture. In 'Gender Equality', Karnataka scored 43 against the national average of 36.

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100% FDI in DTH sector, 20-yr licence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday cleared the Information and Broadcasting Ministry's revised guidelines allowing 100% FDI in direct-to-home (DTH) sector and doubling licence validity to 20 years. Earlier, I&B ministry allowed only 49% foreign direct investment in the sector.

Among the other changes is licence fee will be collected on a quarterly basis instead of annually, to make it in tune with the licence fee regime of the telecom sector.

Also, DTH operators will be permitted to operate a maximum of 5% of their total channel carrying capacity as platform channels.

"In India, more than six crore houses get DTH services. The commerce ministry had earlier decided 100% FDI in DTH services but the services could not get that benefit as Information and Broadcasting Ministry's guidelines allowed only 49% FDI. The new guidelines will be in sync with the Commerce ministry's guidelines," Union minister Prakash Javadekar said.

Welcoming the new guidelines, leading DTH player Tata Sky said the decision to grant licences to the operators for 20 years will provide certainty to the industry. P9

EXPRESS READ

Infy shares gain nearly 3 pc after Daimler deal

New Delhi: Shares of Infosys closed with nearly 3% gains on Wednesday after it said it has formed a partnership with Daimler AG for a tech-driven IT infra transformation | P15

Abhaya murder: Priest, nun get life term

T'Puram: A CBI special court on Wednesday awarded life imprisonment to the catholic priest and nun, who were found guilty of murdering Sister Abhaya | P7

FACE IT

Full declaration of ingredients not cosmetic, made mandatory

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

IT has now become mandatory for manufacturers of cosmetics and make-up products in India to declare all ingredients, even those with concentration of less than 1%, to help buyers make more informed choices.

Thus far, there was no Central law mandating them to declare the full composition of their skin and make-up products — though there is such a rule for drugs — and licences were granted without getting detailed information.

In order to ensure greater quality control of cosmetic products being manufactured, imported and used in India, the government has also decided to set up the first Central Cosmetics Laboratory and appoint inspectors across states. Till now, there have been very few instances of crackdown on makers of spurious cosmetics.

Under the new cosmetics rules, 2020 notified by the Union ministry of health and family welfare recently following consultations with the drug technical advisory board, hair dyes containing paraphenylenediamine or other dyes, colours and pigments should be labelled with specified warnings. Special provisions have been introduced on fluoride content in toothpaste as well. It should not be more than 1000 ppm and the fluoride content shall be mentioned on the tube and carton.

According to the new norms, no cosmetic, the manufacture, sale or distribution of which is prohibited in the country of origin, can be imported. Also on the import ban list are cosmetics containing hexachlorophene — a chemical preservative known for harmful effects on humans.

Besides, cosmetics tested on animals cannot be imported. Also, inspectors will be required to inspect at least once in three years all premises licensed to manufacture cosmetics to ensure that the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940 and its rules are being fully met.

ALMANAC TODAY

Thursday: 24/12/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Margashira • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Dashami 11:17 pm • Nakshatra: Ashwini (Wholeday) • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00pm • Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 16°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST: Sunny

Sunrise 6.38 am | Sunset 6.00 pm | Moonrise 1.52 pm | Moonset 1.43 am

CLASS OF 2021

School reopening: All hands on deck

Tests mandatory for teachers; students who fall sick to be taken to isolation room

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA
@Bengaluru

WITH Classes 10 and 12 to resume offline lessons from January 1, interdepartmental coordination for the reopening is under way.

Terming the SSLC exams a "trailer", Minister for Primary and Secondary Edcuation Suresh Kumar told TNIE that the bigger picture that is to emerge is reopening of schools amid a pandemic. He convened a meeting with ZP CEOs, Deputy Directors of Public Instruction and Block Education Officers on Wednesday, to discuss preparations. SOPs have been conveyed to taluk officers and will be communicated to the cluster level in three or four days, he said.

DDPIs and DDPUs have been asked to meet managements of private schools and colleges to guide them on safe conduct of classes. Confidence-building measures will be undertaken for students and parents. Schools have been allowed to use their School Development and Monitoring Committee funds for purchase of thermal scanners and hygiene equipment.

Other departments will chip in for other expenses. For instance, the panchayat will ensure cleanliness of toilets, and Scouts and Guides have volunteered to help schools implement SOPs in their precincts. Philanthropists are also stepping up to provide sanitation equipment, Kumar said.

While government high schools have sufficient toilets for boys and girls, those that don't are having toilets built under the RDPR's Parihaar scheme. Hostels run by the social welfare department are also getting ready to open while the transport department is preparing passes for students.

No Covid duty for teachers

After the CEO of Bengaluru Rural Zilla Panchayat raised the issue of teachers on Covid duty, the BBMP Commissioner and Commissioner for Public Instruction have been asked to relieve all SSLC and Vidyagama teachers of pandemic duty, Kumar said. All teachers must get a Covid-negative report 72 hours before they join school.

Test not must for students

Kumar said a Covid test will not be mandatory for around 16 lakh Class 10 and 12. Students who develop symptoms will be sent to an isolation room before being taken to hospital.

Reopening of schools will be a bigger challenge than the SSLC exam | EXPRESS

Exams not in March-April: Minister

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"WE are just calculating (the syllabus to be reduced)" he said, and explained that in a regular year, Class 10 students would have 220 days of classes. "Even after yesterday's meeting (with education department officials), there's no clarity on how many days of classes we will get — 120 days or 125, or 130," Suresh Kumar said.

"For now, the department has decided against having exams in March-April. We need to give the children reasonable time to learn and go through the syllabus and be confident. We cannot play with their lives," he said.

UPSC may adopt state's SSLC SOP: Minister

Bengaluru: The SSLC exam held amid the pandemic is being considered as Karnataka's beacon for others to follow. Minister Suresh Kumar said Azim Premji University has been asked to study how the exam was conducted. There was not a single Covid-19 case due to the examination, the minister claimed. The model is gaining popularity, he said, adding that the UPSC went through the SOP and has decided to use it for its own exams. Both the Karnataka HC and the apex court, Kumar said, appreciated the SOP for the SSLC exam.

High-speed internet for govt schools soon

Bengaluru: High-speed internet will come to government schools, with the help of BharathNet, Minister Suresh Kumar said. The project will be rolled out across the state over a year. He said the adopt-a-school initiative to equip government schools with technology is gaining steam, and the IT sector is also being roped in. The government is looking at reaching nearly 5 lakh SSLC students. He said midday meals will not be provided as the Centre has not permitted it, but it will be discussed with the Technical Advisory Committee.

Allottees queue up in front of BDA office on Wednesday | EXPRESS

After long wait, long queue for site holders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE recent announcement by Bangalore Development Authority, calling for objections to be filed with respect to specific survey numbers of Dr K Shivaram Karanth Layout, has got the public queuing up since Monday (December 21) to submit documents as proof of property ownership as well as construction done.

Property owners have time till December-end to file their objections against demolition or acquisition of their properties.

The Supreme Court had on December 3 stated that legally constructed properties would not be demolished, and set up a three-member committee to identify such properties.

A senior BDA official said the public was invited to send in objections. "Anywhere between 200 and 300 people are visiting the office every day in this connection. Documents are being collected from 10am to 5.30pm and we are sending them to the committee assessing them," said BDA Public Relations Officer L Girisha. Postal objections too were received.

Asked about the virus risk to the public standing in such close quarters, BDA Commissioner H R Mahadev said that more staff would be put on duty for this purpose from Thursday. "The process cannot be done online as hard copies of numerous documents are required," he said.

R Venkat Rao, an electrical parts trader, was among those in the queue. "I have been living with my family since 2003 in the house we built in Kasaghattapura in Hesarghatta hobli. Where will we go now if they demolish my property," he asked. Anand Kumar, an ex-Air Force official was filing his objections too. "Since 2006, I have been living in our house built on a 1200 sqft site near MS Palya, bought for Rs 4 lakh then. I am here to submit proof of ownership with numerous documents," he said.

Tree parks compulsory in new pvt layouts

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority has decided to make it mandatory for all future approved layouts to create Tree parks in their Civic Amenity (CA) sites. The move, expected to boost the green cover in the city, is likely to be implemented from next week.

BDA Secretary Vasanthi Amar told *TNIE* the move could make a big difference to the city as there are over 600 BDA approved layouts. "If all future layouts mandatorily have a good number of trees, it would definitely have a marked improvement on the environment," she said.

The BDA hands over the site areas and its approval for the building plans of private layouts in three stages – first 40%, then 30% and finally another 30%. "It would be made mandatory for saplings to be planted during the first stage. The trees would grow before the next portion of land is released. If there is clear proof that the layout has enough trees, the remaining land be allotted for development of sites. This process would be followed by both BDA and BBMP," she added.

BDA Chairman S R Vishwanath said the decision would be implemented both in Bengaluru Rural and Bengaluru Urban. "The lawns in CA sites are quite expensive to maintain. Thousands of trees instead would be eco-friendly. This is in line with the CM's vision of making the City Hasiru Bengaluru' (green) by 2022," he said.

Commissioner H R Mahadev said, "The BDA Board gave its approval for the move last week. As soon as the proceedings of the Board are signed by the Chairman, we would implement it with immediate effect."

Asked about the need for parks, he said, "Let the public have parks in their layouts. But there should be a enough big trees."

Govt sits on pile of fertile silt, invites citizens to take it away for free

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE government is sitting on piles of highly fertile silt and with nowhere to put it, has invited citizens to take how much they need.

Removed from Varthur Lake, the silt is highly fertile. With few options on disposing it, Bangalore Development Authority decided last week to permit individuals and farmers to take any quantity they want, at no charge. It issued an order inviting applications for silt on Monday and appointed a nodal officer to oversee the process. So far, around eight farmers from areas such as Attibele and SArjapura on the outskirts of the city have made inquiries.

"Basic assessment has shown that 12 lakh cubic metres of silt is to be disposed. Applicants will have to give a written application for the quantity they want and the purpose it is required for. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) monitoring committee will scrutinise the applications and decide who will be given silt. We also have to ensure that there is no commercial sale by the people who procure it," the official added.

"Even though IISc has checked the silt quality from Bellandur and Varthur lakes, we will wait for a report from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board before we start the exercise of handing over silt to people," a BDA official said.

The BDA is also contemplating contacting other departments such as horticulture, agriculture and even Hopcoms, who are in direct touch with farmers to procure the silt as it is rich in nutrients. Many citizens and resident welfare groups living around Varthur lake or those who are working on its revival are also looking for people who are in need of silt for gardening and farming. Citizens are also contacting roof-top gardening associations and nurseries who can use the silt.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th December : To return to one of my favourite themes, I was stretching my mind recently by reading about the theory of parallel universes. According to some cosmologists a new universe is formed every time we choose between two options - there's one universe for each alternative. Personally, I find it hard to believe, but no harder than some other weird ideas!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Domestic plans do still seem to be occupying more of your time than perhaps they should, but with passionate relationships formed by Venus and Pluto, your response could be one of impatience and irritation! Perhaps it's time the air was cleared.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

If you don't make a point of being optimistic today, nobody else will. Given that this is one of those days when partners and relatives may be giving vent to negative feelings, it's up to you to show them something more positive. Go on - do your best!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Mars is the planet to watch, especially as it's an indication of an impending burst of celestial energy. Do yourself a very big favour now and get on with practical tasks rather than being seduced into emotional cul-de-sacs by people who should know better.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You have a fair degree of control over most of what happens today so, if you wish, you can remain above the fray. Besides, you've had your share of anguish in the past. Keep an exceptionally close eye on your finances, by the way, or someone will be tempted to take advantage.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Your stars really are quite extraordinarily powerful, but you should realise that your emotional strength needs to be exercised with care and restraint. Follow a hunch by all means, but don't jump to conclusions. And don't be too hard on partners who don't come up to scratch.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Something secret seems to be bugging you today. It may be an event that happened a long time ago, perhaps which may concern an old love. If you feel the urge to get in touch and renew an old contact, or revisit past haunts, go ahead. You deserve a break.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Your professional stars are strong, but not so strong that success is inevitable. You'll have to do your share of bowing and scraping! Socially, partners will be eating out of your hand, but you will have to be quite exceptionally wise and mature in your responses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You should tread very carefully at work and understand that the so-called facts are quite irrelevant. What is very much more important is what people, especially employers, believe to be the case. Give authority figures a wide berth - especially if they're unlikely to see reason!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

There could be doubts over an ethical or moral matter, and it's the spirit, rather than the letter, of the law, which should be most important. Changes in travel plans could be caused by gradually evolving romantic hopes, and you can only gain from going on a charm offensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Social costs could be high, and you can, if you wish, duck out of one particular commitment. Also, something that was lost, perhaps long ago, maybe a prized possession, possibly a relationship, may soon be recovered. There'll be time enough for celebration later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may be holding the thin line of decent and responsible behaviour against people who can see nothing beyond the gratification of their immediate feelings. You may compromise over details, but not principles. What's more, you may set a fine example to others.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

Foreign contacts, legal questions and educational schemes all play a part in your current thinking. The main theme that binds together everything you do is work, self-improvement and shared interests. That sounds like a great recipe for some healthy co-operation.

THE PHANTOM

MY INTUITION ABOUT KADRA IS RIGHT, KIT. YOU SHOULD KNOW YOU GO BY INTUITION ALL THE TIME.
I DO?
YES! EXCEPT YOU CALL IT INSTINCT!
YOUR INSTINCT TELLS YOU KADRA IS NOT A TERRORIST...
IT'S THE SAME THING!
Falk

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

WHAT'S THAT CLOUD OVER THERE?
PROBABLY BEETLE AND SARGE
A FIGHT ?!
IT'S MORE ARM-WAVING AND FOOT-STOMPING THAN PUNCHING AND KICKING
GASO + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

SOMEONE CALLED ME THIS MORNING AND I TALKED TO HER FOR ALMOST AN HOUR
WHO WAS IT?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HER NAME... IT WAS A WRONG NUMBER
ALL I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT SHE IS VERY PROUD OF HER CATS

LOCKHORNS

"DID WE GET ROBBED OR WERE YOU LOOKING FOR A CLEAN SHIRT?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DOES HE BITE?"

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

		2	3			6		1
				8			5	
	7	6	9					
3						7		
	6	8	7	2	3	1	4	
		1						2
					5	3	1	
	1			6				
6		5			9	2		

MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

5	4	6	8	3	7	2	1	9
2	9	1	5	4	6	8	3	7
8	3	7	1	9	2	4	5	6
1	6	4	9	8	5	3	7	2
7	5	2	6	1	3	9	8	4
9	8	3	7	2	4	5	6	1
3	1	5	4	6	9	7	2	8
4	2	8	3	7	1	6	9	5
6	7	9	2	5	8	1	4	3

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TINYU

IGBEE

DLIFED

GTYIZL

What's wrong? Are you OK?
I think the chicken wasn't cooked enough.
HE HAD NO PROOF THAT THE FOOD WAS GIVING HIM INDIGESTION, BUT HE DID HAVE A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DOLLY PRIZE SKINNY OUTAGE
Answer: The iguana bar was popular and crowded with — LOUNGE LIZARDS

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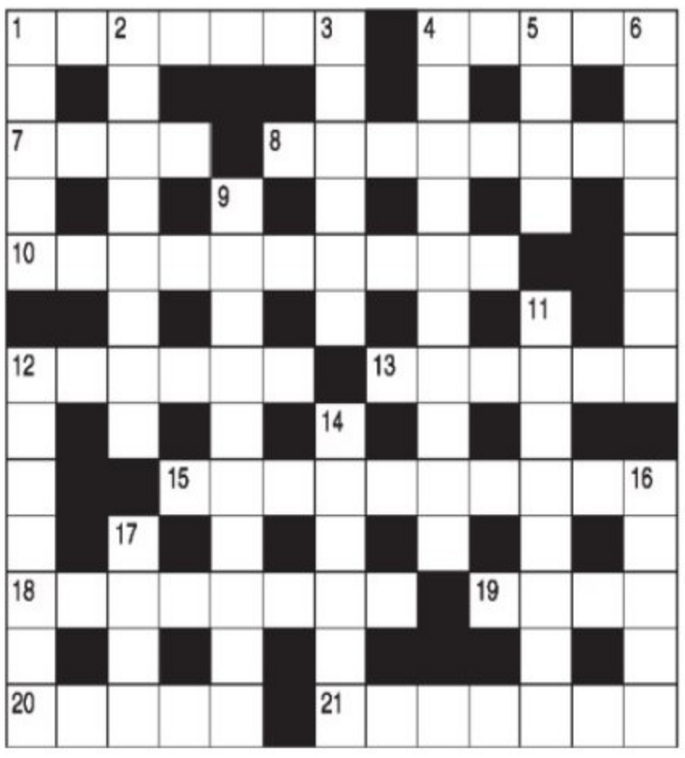
CROSS WORD



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Karnataka saw 958 new cases on Wednesday, taking the total tally to 9.12 lakh. As many as 1,206 people were discharged, taking the total number of recoveries to 8.86 lakh, while Covid-19 claimed nine lives, official figures show

UK RETURNEES IN K'TAKA WILL BE MONITORED FOR 28 DAYS AT HOME

2,500 passengers arrived in Karnataka between Nov 25, Dec 25, says Sudhakar

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UK returnees who came to Karnataka between November 25 and December 25 will be under home isolation for 28 days and first 14 days the Health Department will monitor them, while the last 14 days they have to check themselves for Covid symptoms, said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar after a meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee on Wednesday.

During the period, two flights, carrying 2,500 passengers, arrived in Karnataka from the UK. "Details of passengers are available and every single passenger will be kept under strict vigilance. RT-PCR tests will be done if they are symptomatic. If they are positive, the test samples will be sent for genomic sequencing to NIMHANS, IISc or NCBS to determine if the strain of the virus is the new one found in the UK," he said.

The statement of a political leader that 14,000 people had arrived from the UK is completely baseless. "There is no need for the government to hide data. Politicians should get their facts right before they speak," he said.

Many people who arrived from the UK are spread across the state and testing and tracing of contacts is underway in districts.

Five such passengers in Tumakuru district have tested negative. Four of them in Tumakuru town and one in Tiptur are in home isolation, said DHO Dr Nagendrappa.

International passengers arrive at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Mysuru has 137 people who returned from the UK between December 1 and 21. As many as 119 came between December 1 and 20. Eighteen, who arrived on December 21, have tested negative, while others are being traced to find out whether they underwent tests, said Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri. A separate counter will be set up at Town Hall on Thursday for UK returnees and their contacts to get tested.

In Hassan, of the 18 who arrived, all but 6 have been traced, and they have been advised home isolation. Their samples have been sent for testing, said DHO Dr Satish.

A woman and her young daughter who returned to Bidar on Tuesday are in home isolation. Eight people identified as primary contacts have tested negative, while the results of 10 secondary contacts, sent to Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences, are awaited, said DC Ramchandran R.

Eight people who came to the district from Britain, Canada and other countries have tested negative. But they have been asked to quarantine for 14 days. Two each are from Udupi and Brahmavar, three from Karkala, and one from Byndoor. One of the returnees is pregnant.

Twelve such passengers are in Uttara Kannada and are in home quarantine, district officials said. They have tested negative. The district administration in Dharwad tracked and quarantined five people, who tested negative, officials said. Eleven people underwent tests in Chitradurga district, DC Kavitha S Mannikeri said. All of them have tested negative on RAT, but RT-PCR results are awaited. Seven people and their contacts in Davanagere district are being monitored by health authorities. All of them have tested negative, said DC Mahantesh Bilagi.

All seven people in Kalaburagi have undergone tests, said DHO Dr Rajashekar Male. Two of them have since moved to Bidar. The remaining five will be in quarantine for a fortnight and their results are awaited.

VIRAL SCARE

SOPS FOR PASSENGERS AT AIRPORTS, SEAPORTS

Passengers coming from the UK to Karnataka's seaports and airports from December 21 to 23 will have to undergo an RT-PCR test on arrival even if they are carrying a negative test report. If a positive sample is found, a spike gene-based RT-PCR test should also be performed by an appropriate laboratory. Passengers testing positive will be isolated in an institutional isolation facility in a separate (isolation) unit coordinated by the respective district health authorities and positives will not be allowed home isolation, irrespective of symptoms till genomic sequencing is completed, it stated.

Curfew could hit hospitality biz

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SURPRISINGLY, not many senior bureaucrats knew about the CM's decision. Many of them came to know of it through the media, said highly placed sources. Yediyurappa was not keen on imposing restrictions, but gave in to the advice of Sudhakar and health officials, who stressed on public restrictions for Christmas and New Year's Eve to contain the new variant or a second wave of Covid-19, sources said.

The Chief Minister has appealed to the public to cooperate with the night curfew. He had earlier appealed that New Year revelries be restricted and public celebrations banned.

Regarding international travellers, the CM said those landing in Karnataka must carry Covid-negative certificates, which should have 72 hours validity. This apart, the government has also made arrangements for testing outside Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

However, the sudden imposition of night curfew comes as a blow for the doddering hospitality and allied service sectors, which were pinning their hopes on Christmas and New Year's Eve after taking a serious beating last year. For pubs and bars, the last 10 days of the year are peak season.

This year, they have been hard pressed to keep their business going with 50 per cent occupancy. "We have to pay the second and final instalment of the excise licence before December 31. It is a big amount. We were hoping to get more business on Christmas and New Year," said the owner of a prominent pub.

"Our business will definitely be hit. This is the prime season when people step out for dinner with family and friends. With curfew starting at 11pm, we will have to close our premises by 10pm. It means that our last order will be taken around 9.30pm," said Amit Roy of Watsons. He is also on the managing committee of the National Restaurants Association of India.

Roy added that he's had to cancel 40 reservations in his chain of pubs in Bengaluru. "We have pre-booked and paid for our food deliveries for the bookings," he added.

SOPs TO BE FOLLOWED

- Crowds to be avoided at places of religious worship
- Physical distancing to be maintained at religious, commercial places
- No parties, gatherings at clubs, pubs, bars, restaurants or other public places between Dec 30 and Jan 2
- Parties and dances prohibited between Dec 30 and Jan 2
- No New Year celebrations on roads and public places
- All gatherings, special events prohibited
- Gatherings banned on Church Street, Brigade Road, MG Road, Koramangala, Indiranagar, and other places
- Bursting of green crackers allowed

Shutdown between 11pm, 6am

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ALTHOUGH a state-wide night curfew will be in effect between 11pm and 6 am from December 24 to January 2 on account of the new Covid virus strain, midnight mass will be permitted on Christmas Eve with Covid precautions in place.

The government has said that Police Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, Deputy Commissioners, the BBMP Commissioner and heads of all government departments must monitor the night curfew and ensure that it is strictly implemented. The movement of people - except for essential services - will be strictly prohibited between 11pm and 6am (5am on January 2). All factories, companies and other organisations which function during the night will be permitted to operate with half their staff. Employees of such organisations will be permitted to commute on producing a valid ID card issued by their respective organisations.

Movement of vehicles carrying goods, including those which are empty, will not be restricted. Long distance travel services including buses, trains, and flights will function as usual. Autorickshaws and cabs can travel to and fro between bus depots, train stations, and airports, provided passengers give valid journey tickets.

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Appl No.V0130879) Malleshwaram Branch Eternity Projects (Borrower) Vijaya Prasad Reddy K (Guarantor) Kasturi Vijaya Kumar Cotha (2nd Guarantor)	**Primary Property Address :** All the piece and parcel of property bearing Amalgamated khatha No.154/1315 in respect of BDA Plot nos 1315/1316/1317 situated at Devarachikkanahalli, off Vijaya Bank layout, BTM 4th Stage, 1st block Layout, Bangalore, Measuring 12000 sft (80*150 feet) East to West 24.38 Mtrs and North to south 45.72 Mtrs along with the 10 Villa out of which 2 Villa are Semi Finished, 2 Villa are in the stage of pillars raised up to GF lintel level and balance 6 villa are yet to commence the construction. Bounded : **East Side :** Road, **West Side :** Road, **North Side :** Site no 1314 and **South Side :** Site no 1318.	11.8.2020 ₹ 35,57,012.00 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Twelve Only.)	22.12.2020

Colleteral Property Address : All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No 4, 5 & 5G (Ward No. 193 BBMP old Khata No 522/519/531/74/1 New Khata No 908/59/4) comprising of 12 flats (out of 36) situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, off Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, measuring land area of 12,650 sq. ft. in the name of M/s. Eternity Structures Pvt. Ltd., along with apartment structure comprising plinth area of 43240 sq ft. and built up area of 36580 sq. ft. Bounded : **East Side :** Shamanna's Property, **West Side :** Road, **North Side :** Road and **South Side :** Site Pvt. Property.

"Flats of Collateral Security of Eternity Projects":

Sr. No.	Floor No.	Flat No.	SBA (Sq. ft.)	Flats (1BHK/2BHK/3BHK)
1	Ground Floor	106	1210	2BHK
2	Ground Floor	108	980	2BHK
3	First Floor	206	1210	2BHK
4	First Floor	208	980	2BHK
5	Second Floor	301	1450	3BHK
6	Second Floor	305	1000	2BHK
7	Second Floor	306	1210	2BHK
8	Second Floor	307	1210	2BHK
9	Third Floor	406	1210	2BHK
10	Third Floor	407	1210	2BHK
11	Third Floor	408	980	2BHK
12	Third Floor	409	1210	2BHK

2	(Appl No.V0129582) Malleshwaram Branch Eternity Structures Pvt Ltd Heritage (Borrower) Vijaya Prasad Reddy (Guarantor) Kasturi Vijaya Kumar Cotha (2nd Guarantor)	**PROPERTY No. I (Primary Property Address) :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No 4, 5 & 5G (Ward No. 193 BBMP old Khata No 522/519/531/74/1 New Khata No 908/59/4) comprising of 12 flats (out of 36) situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, off Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, measuring Land area of 12,650 sq.ft. in the name of M/s. Eternity structures Pvt. Ltd., along with apartment structure comprising plinth area of 43240 sq.ft. and built up area of 36580 sq.ft. Bounded : **East Side :** Shamanna's Property, **West Side :** Road, **North Side :** Road and **South Side :** Site Pvt. Property.	18.2.2020 ₹ 1,46,29,866.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only.)	22.12.2020

"FLATS OF PROPERTY No. I (Primary Security) of Eternity Structures Pvt Ltd Heritage:"

Sr. No.	Floor No.	Flat No.	SBA (Sq. ft.)	Flats (1BHK/2BHK/3BHK)
1	Ground Floor	106	1210	2BHK
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Place: Malleshwaram
Date : 24.12.2020

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CORRIGENDUM

"This is to bring to the notice of the public that E-Auction scheduled for **30/12/2020,** for **item no 2 i.r.o .Sri Lokesh,** the last date of deposit of EMD of 10% of Reserve Price is changed to **28/12/2020** for advertisement Published in Newspaper **" The New Indian Express" 26/11/2020** which please note. All other conditions remain unaltered."

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notice dated under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s)/Legal heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) Legal heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Description of Immovable property / Secured Asset
1.	Mr.Mahesh M G (Borrower) and Mrs. Sowmya S A (Co-Borrower)	Loan Account No. 633189881 Rs.14,85,911/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Only) Due as on 31.07.2020	22.09.2020	21.12.2020	All that piece and parcel of **residential 2 bed room apartment** bearing **No.A-604,** on the **6th Floor,** of the building known as **"PRAGATHI AMBER",** having a **super built up area of 470 Sq. ft.** along with **covered car parking space in Basement/ Ground Floor** with proportionate share of 141 sq. feetof undivided share, right title and interest in the land, on which this apartment complex is constructed, situated on land bearing Sy. No.s 13/1, 13/3, 13/12 (old Sy.no.13.4), 13/5, 14/1, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.
2.	Mr. N V Manjunatha (Borrower)	1) Loan Account No.617868791 Rs.59,50,779/- 2) Loan Account No.618422791 Rs.76,426/- totally amount Rs.60,27,205/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Five Only) Due as on 30.06.2020	13.07.2020	21.12.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential **Property bearing New No.391/53/2-A/84, old Katha No.391, Bommanahalli CMC Katha No.84, Site No. 53/2-A,** Situated at **Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli,** Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore, **Measuring East to West: 40-00 feet, North to South: 30-00 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq Feet.,** and which is **bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property and Site No.53/1V and 53/1S, **North by:** Site No.53/1Z, **South by:** Site No.53/2B, And any construction thereon.
3.	Mr. Ranjan Rakesh (Borrower) and Mrs. Medda Susanhita (Co-Borrower)	1) Loan Account No. 612300715 Rs.39,00,067/- 2) Loan Account No. 612300818 Rs.7,74,283/- totally amount Rs.46,74,350/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Only) Due as on 30.06.2020	20.07.2020	21.12.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing **No.426,** in the **3rdFloor,** of the building known as **"MAHAVEER SEASONS",** having a super built up area of **1365 Sq. Feet** along with **one car parking slot bearing No.426** with proportionate share of **507 sq. feet** of undivided share, right title and interest in the property bearing Sy.No.36/2, situated at Haralukuta Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore totally measuring 60307 Sq.Feet duly converted for residential purpose as per official memorandum bearing No.B.DIS:ALN: SR(S) 537/2003-2004 dated 19.03.2004 on the file of special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

With further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realization.

However, since the Name of Borrower(s) Legal heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s) mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) mentioned herein above in particular and to the public in general that the Authorized Officer of **HDFC** have taken Possession of the immovable property (ies) /secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The Borrower(s) mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable property(ies) /Secured Asset and any dealings with the said Immovable property(ies)/ secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.**

Borrower(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panachanma drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is /are requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 24.12.2020

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The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the state government to clarify whether it wanted the Commissioner of Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC) to continue as Managing Director of Mangaluru Smart City Limited

N K'taka far away from Sustainable Development Goals

Performance of some dists worse than that of BIMARU states, reveals report; Yadgir, Raichur, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Vijayapura score low on poverty index

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REGIONAL disparity plagues Karnataka in its efforts to realise the Sustainable Development Goals 2030. Out of a score of 100 on the Sustainable Development Goals Index, Karnataka has scored 52 with respect to the goal of no poverty by 2030, lesser than India's average of 54 and far lesser than Tamil Nadu, which has scored 76.

"Though Karnataka's achievement is 52 in terms of overall performance, regional disparity across the state is so high that many of the northern Karnataka districts' performance is very poor and at par with BIMARU states. Though the HPCRRI (High Powered Committee for Redressal of Regional Imbalance) report emphasises on the redressal of regional imbalances through a Special Development Plan, the performance still doesn't seem to be encouraging and the state average is pulled down due to these extreme variations in the State," read an excerpt of the report – "SDG 2030 goals - strategies and action plan for Karnataka", released by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday.

An analysis of the Multi-dimensional Poverty Index (MPI) finds that the worst performing districts are Yadagir (23.3), Raichur (17.7), Kalaburagi (14.2), Koppal (13.7), Vijayapura (13.5), Gadag and Ballari (13.1). The MPI is calculated based on indicators of education, health and living standards.

Though the state has managed to provide employment through MGNREGA to 59 per cent of poor households, the inequality across districts has remained, the report finds.

The report, published by the Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics, recommends that the proportion of total government spending on essential services (education, health and social protection) must be 12.5 per cent of GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) by 2022 and 2030.

"Growth per se is not sufficient enough to take care of poverty. Literature in this regard indicates that trickle-down effect is not sufficient enough to uplift the people from acute poverty. Thus, emphasis on target-oriented, comprehensive anti-poverty programme becomes pertinent and monitoring any progress should be at district level and, if possible, still at lower levels," the report recommended,

In the second SDF goal of 'Zero hunger-end hunger, achieve food security, improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture', Karnataka scored 54, which is slightly better than the national average of 48, but still far lesser than states like Goa and Delhi which have scored 80 and 72, respectively.

Once again, on the Hunger Index, the most-affected districts are in North Karnataka, except for Chitradurga and Davanagere. The districts categorised as alarming include Raichur, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Koppal, Gadag, Ballari and Bagalkot, while those categorised as serious include Chitradurga, Dharwad, Vijayapura, Belagavi, Bidar, Davanagere and Haveri.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa releases the 'SDG 2030 goals - strategies and action plan for Karnataka' on Wednesday. State Planning Board vice-president B J Puttaswamy, Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar and Additional Chief Secretary Dr Shalini Rajneesh were present | EXPRESS

Report bats for women's safety

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THE report recommended adopting preventive strategies to eliminate violence by changing the mindset and psychology of men, increasing women's police stations, increasing women police force (33% representation), effective implementation of prevention of domestic violence Act, effective legal mechanism for increasing the conviction rate and implementation of new technologies like fixing of CCTV cameras at sensitive places to increase the rating.

The state scored 48, again above the national average of 39, in achieving the goal of 'Sustainable Cities and Communities'. A special focus on PMAY house construction, slum development and waste management in urban areas, innovative housing scheme, forming housing cooperative societies with slum-dwellers as stakeholders, promoting green housing strategies and focus on public transport and prevention of natural disasters were some of the recommendations made in the report.

Cong says BSY has no right to remain CM

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A DAY after the Karnataka High Court dismissed Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's petition seeking to quash criminal proceedings pending against him under the Prevention of Corruption Act, Congress members demanded Yediyurappa's resignation.

On Tuesday, the court dismissed his petition pertaining to a case involving denotification of several acres of land acquired for an IT project in the Varthur-Whitefield IT corridor, alleged to be illegal, when Yediyurappa was Deputy Chief Minister in 2006-07.

AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala demanded the CM's resignation. "Does he (Yediyurappa) have any right to continue in office even for whiff of a second after such stinging indictment?" he tweeted, and sought a fair investigation and logical conclusion to the case. "CM Yediyurappa must quit without delay," he declared.

Surjewala also said this is a test for Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had promised, "Na khaunga, na khaane doonga" (I will neither take bribe, nor allow others to take bribe).

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi, addressing the press in New Delhi, also demanded Yediyurappa's resignation. "Congress demands immediate resignation and removal of CM," he said.

It may be recalled that in 2015, Lokayukta police had taken up investigation into the case registered against Yediyurappa under the Prevention of Corruption Act, following an order passed by the Lokayukta Court. It was based on a private complaint filed by Vasudeva Reddy, a resident of Bellandur in Bengaluru.

Does he (Yediyurappa) have any right to continue in office even for whiff of a second after such stinging indictment? CM Yediyurappa must quit without delay

AICC Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala

Congress demands immediate resignation and removal of CM
Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Congress spokesperson

Siddu's 'backstabbing' barb leaves many red-faced

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OPPOSITION Leader Siddaramaiah's recent comment that a conspiracy within the party led to his defeat in the Chamundeshwari Assembly constituency two years ago has widened the rift within the Congress and left many leaders red-faced.

His detractors alleged that Siddaramaiah too used similar tactics and defeated Congress leaders, including A H Vishwanath and Srinivasa Prasad, who were with Congress then. Vishwanath, who is a BJP MLC now, said that Siddaramaiah has backstabbed many including him and other frontrunners for the chief minister's post.

Though Siddaramaiah later issued a clarification saying that he was referring only to local leaders in the Chamundeshwari constituency, it has not gone down well with the rank and file of the party.

What was the need to rake up the issue two years later and in the run-up to the panchayat polls, asked a senior Congress leader. He said that the comment has left party workers demoralised and disturbed. Former MP and Congress leader R Dhruvanarayan said other parties are playing up Siddaramaiah's comments, but Congressmen are focussed and reaching out to voters highlighting failures of the government.

Political commentator Prof Muzafar Asadi said that Siddaramaiah's comment was meant to politically finish off his rivals locally. Such statements are counterproductive and Siddaramaiah with too many challenges like consolidating Ahinda votes should focus on bringing back Lingayats, Poojaris and other communities that have distanced from Congress.

Our leaders should have spoken more about Congress government's contributions to panchayats, increasing reservation for women and setting up drinking water units in villages, than about rivals within the party, Congressmen said.

KPCC president D K Shivakumar meets ISKCON spokesperson Naveena Neerada Dasa in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

State govt must clear confusion on reopening of schools, says DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Wednesday alleged that the government is creating confusion over reopening of schools and it should take a decision soon, keeping in mind the larger interest of students.

Shivakumar told reporters that it appears that the government itself doesn't have clarity on reopening of schools. "First, the government should have clarity on the issue, and only then it can clear the confusion. The government is playing with the future of children, and it is not good," he cautioned.

He further said that as the major opposition party, the Congress does not want to politicise the issue. "There are too many things involved, such as the future of our children, paying salaries to teachers, and running institutions. The government should consult experts and take a decision in the larger interest of teachers, students and their future," Shivakumar said, adding that as a parent and a person running an educational institute, he is looking forward to the decision of the government.

Cong to field candidates in Belagavi, Dharwad

Shivakumar said that the Congress had decided to field its candidates in the upcoming elections for Belagavi and Dharwad city corporations. "Over the last few years, the party used to support other candidates. But from this year, we will choose candidates and they will contest on the party symbol," he added.

AIMIM looks for toehold in Belagavi, to contest ULB poll

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

THE All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul-Muslimeen (AIMIM), which has been contesting elections to state assembly and local bodies in different parts of the country, has decided to field its candidates in the Belagavi City Corporation elections.

Leaders of AIMIM from different parts of North Karnataka held a meeting in Belagavi on Wednesday on measures to build the party in the region. State general secretary Latif Khan Pathan said the party would face different elections in the coming days to build it from the grassroots.

He said the party would field its candidates, to be finalised by party chief Asaduddin Owaisi, in all wards of Belagavi in the city corporation elections. The party had taken up a tour of North Karnataka under the leadership of its leader Mohammad Salim, said Pathan. According to him, discussions and meetings were held by party leaders in Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Ballari and Hubballi on having AIMIM candidates in the fray in the respective city corporation elections, he said.

He said able leaders would be fielded and attempts were being made to give a strong shape to the party in North Karnataka. Leaders from several parties and communities were joining AIMIM, and the party aims to win seats in the Belagavi City Corporation by taking along people of all communities and languages, Pathan said.

EXPRESS READ

JDS NOT INEVITABLE FOR BJP, SAYS KATEEL

Mangaluru: BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Wednesday tried to put a lid on speculation over the bonhomie between BJP and JDS, saying the regional party is neither inevitable nor needed for the BJP. He termed the talk of a BJP-JDS merger as hypothetical. Asked whether JDS is making efforts to join the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Kateel categorically said there is no need for it. He said that the Centre will celebrate the birth anniversary of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on December 25 as 'Kisan Samman Diwas' across the country by apprising farmers about various schemes and programmes initiated by the NDA government.

Show-cause notice to Kalaburagi officials over wrong poll symbol

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Kalaburagi

Deputy Commissioner of Kalaburagi V V Jyothsna has issued show-cause notice to Kamalapur Tahsildar and the returning officer of the polling booth in Ward No. 1 of Kinni Sadak village for their alleged negligence in printing a wrong symbol in the ballot paper.

Speaking to TNIE on Wednesday, Jyothsna said that though the symbol of trumpet was allotted to the candidate, Jayaraj Halagi, the ballot paper had the symbol of a man playing bugle. Following Jayaraj's complaint, the polling was stopped in the booth.

Meanwhile, the State Election Commission has issued notification to hold a repoll in the ward with corrected symbols on Thursday (December 24) from 7am to 5pm.

In Raichur too, Deputy Commissioner R Venkateshkumar has issued show-cause notice to Sirwar Tahsildar and the returning officer of the polling booth of K Tuppadaur village (Ganadiini Gram Panchayat) for their alleged negligence in printing a wrong symbol in the ballot paper.

The candidate, Siddamma, was allotted the symbol of mud pot, but the ballot paper had the auto symbol. The polling, which started at 7am, was stopped within a few minutes after Siddamma brought the lapse to the officials' notice. After two hours, polling started again with the corrected ballot paper.

Venkateshkumar told TNIE that he had instructed the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) of Raichur to issue show-cause notice to 78 school teachers and headmasters who were appointed polling and presiding officers for the GP elections.

PANDEMIC FEAR

Govt fixes new muhurtham—mass mariages twice every month

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IT had been a knotty issue. And the state government had to rethink on its annual 'Sapthapadi', the mass marriage event, thanks to the pandemic.

Earlier, it was planned to conduct it twice a year. But keeping the crowds in mind, the government has decided to hold it twice every month, starting from January.

"We will look for two good auspicious days every month and announce it 15 days in advance so that people who desire to get married or parents who want their children to get married can apply," Endowment minister Kota Srinivas Poojar told *The New Indian Express*.

Picture for representative purpose

To begin with, the government has fixed the muhurtham on Jan 15, 20 and Feb 20 and 23. This, according to the minister, is to avoid crowds.

He said that only the parents of the bride and the groom will be allowed.

Initially, the government had announced that the mass marriages will be conducted on April 26 and May 24 this year at 100 state-owned temples across the state. But due to the pandemic it was postponed to June and July, only to be put off again to November/December.

The government had planned to conduct the mass marriage of at least 250 couples – this was before the pandemic broke out. Recently, only 23 couples got married under the scheme. This is because the government could not conduct the marriages as some couples who had registered got married in a private ceremony.

Under the Sapthapadi scheme, the bridegroom will get a shirt and dhoti and Rs 5,000 in cash, while the bride will get a saree, Rs 1,000 in cash and 8 gm of gold for the 'Mangalya'.

The minister said they plan to invite jewellers for purchase of gold.

HC relief for HDK, Parameshwar, DKS

Court sets aside second FIR against them for a protest held in front of the Income Tax Dept office

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H D Kumaraswamy

D K Shivakumar

Dr G Parameshwar

IN a relief to former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy, former deputy chief minister Dr G Parameshwar and KPCC president D K Shivakumar, the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday set aside the second FIR registered against them based on a private complaint filed in relation to a protest held in front of the Income Tax Department in the city over alleged 'selective' raids.

Allowing three separate petitions filed by the trio, Justice John Michael Cunha set aside the FIR registered based on the private complaint filed by Mallikarjuna A, on the ground that second FIR is not maintainable since an FIR is already registered on the same incident.

On the protest held in April 2019, there was an FIR registered at the Commercial Street police station on a case filed by the BBMP flying squad against JD(S) and Congress leaders for holding a protest on March 28, 2019 for violation of model code of conduct, which was in force for the Lok Sabha elections.

However, the second FIR was registered based on an order passed by the trial court on June 15, 2019 in relation to a private complaint filed by Mallikarjuna alleging breach of trust, waging war against Central Government, sedition, unlawful assembly, undue influence of election, criminal force and assault.

Quashing this FIR, the judge reserved the liberty to the complainant to approach the investigation officer in the FIR registered before the Commercial Streetpolice station, who in turn treatMallikarjuna's complaint as a statement under Section 161 of CrPC.

Man kills minor wife, buries body in house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tumakuru

A sixteen-year-old girl who was forced into marriage was found murdered and buried in her house by her husband at Hosa Itakaloti village in Madhugiri taluk a couple of weeks ago.

The incident came to light on Wednesday following which Madhugiri Assistant Commissioner Somappa Kadakola, Tahsildar Vishwanath Gowda and DySP Praveen Kumar visited the spot and exhumed the body. As per the autopsy report, the victim had a severe head injury.

Accused Narasimhamurthy is absconding and his younger brothers Manjunatha and Sathish have been arrested by the police in Hubballi. The accused, a construction labourer, had married Gayathri (16), his niece – his older sister Lakshmidevi and Hanumantharayappa couple's daughter -- in April 2020 against the family's wishes. The teenager had cleared SSLC at the Government High School at Tondoti and was about to join I PUC.

The mother of the accused died some years ago and his father Narasimhaiah shifted to Bengaluru to engage himself in menial job ten years ago. The accused chose the girl to marry to care of the household chores and cook for him. Meanwhile, Narasimhamurthy also had an extramarital affair. He started harassing Gayathri over a property issue.

On December 7, the accused picked a quarrel with the victim and allegedly murdered her. In order to conceal the incident, he had dug a pit inside the house and buried the body. Later, he laid a granite slab on the floor. He, along with his aged grandmother and two younger brothers, lived in the house for 10 days after the incident. He later absconded.

The father of the victim lodged a missing person's complaint with the Midigeshi police a couple of weeks ago. Her older sister Shwetha grew suspicious and visited the house on Wednesday. She was shocked to know about the incident.

Child marriages during Covid-19

The incident has also thrown light on child marriages in remote villages that went unnoticed during the lockdown period. Even residents of the village had not alerted the police either due to lack of awareness or fear of the backlash. "The victim's mother Lakshmidevi, a visually-challenged, had died three years ago and stepmother Gangaratnamma is also her maternal aunt," informed child development programme officer (CDPO) Anitha.

TIME FOR CELEBRATION

With Christmas just a day away, the Kempegowda International Airport terminal is all decked up in colourful lights and themed installations, in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

CRIME PATROL

Crime Branch files case against online loan firms

BENGALURU: The Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths on Monday registered three cases against certain online loan apps, which illegally provided loans at exorbitant interest rates to people and later threatened them into repaying the same. "We had received several complaints from the public who were harassed by these private online loan apps," a senior police officer said. "Based on their complaints, three FIRs have been registered and the accused will be nabbed soon. We will reveal the names of those apps after the arrest soon," police said, advising those people who have faced similar issues to file complaints at the Cyber Crime police station.

Five conmen arrested for selling stolen vehicles

BENGALURU: Yeshwanthpur police arrested five conmen, who used to hire vehicles from a travel agency and allegedly sell them after changing the registration numbers. The accused are Arif Pasha (26), Koustubh (32), Syed Arman (23), Sulaiman Pasha (23) and Tousif (26). Police said Girish, a businessman, filed a case, stating Arif and Koustubh tried to sell him an SUV for Rs 5 lakh. The duo claimed to deal in used cars. Girish agreed to buy it and asked for the documents. The suspects took Rs 5,000 as advance and handed him photocopies of the documents. However, Girish found them to be fake and alerted police, who nabbed the gang, and seized 13 stolen two-wheelers.

RPF constable rescues woman attempting suicide

BENGALURU: A Railway Protection Force (RPF) constable rescued a woman who tried to commit suicide by lying down on the railway tracks in front of an approaching train, at Golahalli railway station recently. The constable, Amit Kumar, attached to the Yesvantpur railway station, was carrying out his picketing duty at the station on Monday when he saw the woman. "Kumar showed indomitable courage by pulling her out of harm's way," said a top RPF official. The woman said that she tried to take her own life due to domestic problems.

Clean road for a week for not registering FIR, cop told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a rare instance, the Kalaburagi bench of the Karnataka High Court has directed the Station House Officer (SHO) of Bazaar Police Station in Kalaburagi to clean the road in front of the police station for a week 'as community service' for failing to register an FIR in a missing person's case.

A division bench of Justices S Sunil Dutt Yadav and P Krishna Bhat passed the order on a habeas corpus petition filed by Tarabai (55) from Minajgi Tanda in Kalaburagi taluk. She had approached the High Court seeking directions to the Station Bazaar police to produce her son Suresh, who went missing on October 20. Suresh was produced before the court on November 3.

The court order, passed recently, notes that the SHO admitted that Tarabai approached him in the police station with a grievance that her son had been abducted. The officer should have registered an FIR and proceeded with the investigation. If the offence took place outside his jurisdiction, then he was obliged to transfer the FIR to the jurisdictional police station for further investigation, it said.

However, the SHO overlooked the mandate of law and had not made an entry in the station house diary nor had he registered an FIR, which resulted in obstructing the rights of the petitioner and her son. Pointing out this, the bench questioned the conduct of the SHO who was present in the court. On his behalf, the government advocate submitted that a lenient view may be taken for the violation of procedure. The officer is prepared to file undertaking to do some community service to atone for the lapse, he pleaded.

Accepting this, the bench directed him to clean the road in front of his police station for one week. "I hereby state that, as per the direction of the Hon'ble Court, I am ready to comply with the direction by cleaning the road in front of my police station for one week. I render my conditional apology for not registering the FIR and assure the Hon'ble Court that I will not repeat the same in future," the officer stated in his undertaking.

The Bench noted that the entire development in the case highlights a "very disturbing facet" of the functioning of the police stations. The problem, primarily, is one of police officers not complying with the procedure prescribed under the CrPC, which places a high premium on the guarantee of liberty of the individuals, the bench noted.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

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Amendment for Tender Notice No.SE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/12/2020-21, Dt:2-12-2020 for Request For Proposals for Appointment of Consultant to Provide Agricultural Market Intelligence and Intervention Strategies in the State of Andhra Pradesh for Agrl. Marketing Department on e-procurement site **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.** The bid submission date postponed upto 5-1-2021 @ 4.30 PM. Contact : 9182361156, 9182361421
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Capital Region Urban Transport
Block-1, 2nd Floor, BMC Bhawani Mall, Saheed Nagar Bhubaneswar -751007
E-mail: crutbbsr@gmail.com, Phone No. 0674 - 2548625
Notice No. 1560/CRUT Date. 22/12/2020
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) & REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
EMPANELMENT & SELECTION OF AN AGENCY FOR COLLECTION OF FARE BOX REVENUE (RCA) FOR CITY BUS SERVICES OPERATED BY CAPITAL REGION URBAN TRANSPORT
1. Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) invites interested agencies for the above mentioned purpose. Please refer the RFP document for details.
2. The RFP document shall be available from **24/12/2020** onwards in following web portals: **www.capitalregiontransport.in.**
3. Applicants are required to submit duly filled Proposals as per the prescribed formats on or before **29/01/2021 by 3:00 PM**. The Proposals received shall be opened at **3:30 PM** on **29/01/2021** at CRUT office.
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General Manager (P&A)
Capital Region Urban Transport

TIRUNELVELI SMART CITY LIMITED
SMART CITIES MISSION
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)
Tender Notice No.8/Smart City/2020-21/SCM Dated: 23.12.2020
The Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli hereby invites Bids through both on-line and off-line from eligible bidders for the following works:

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimate Amount Rs. in crores	Bid Security Rs. In Lakhs	Period of Completion
1	Construction of Whole Sale Market at Palayapettai in Ward No.50 near Truck Terminal.	13.81	13.81	12 months
2	Development of Cycle Track at NGO Colony in Ward No.27	2.84	2.84	6 months
3	Construction of Smart Bus Shelter in Palayamkottai and Melapalayam Zones. (15 Locations)	2.12	2.12	6 months
4	Development of Mahatma Gandhi Fruit and Vegetable Market at Palayamkottai.	14.92	14.92	12 months
5	Construction of Mahatma Gandhi General Market in Palayamkottai.	14.90	14.90	12 months
6	Construction of Mahatma Gandhi Commercial Complex at Palayamkottai.	10.22	10.22	12 months
7	Providing 10 MLD capacity of Sewage Treatment Plant adopting Advanced Technology Method at Ramayanpatti Compost Yard in Tirunelveli.	14.89	14.89	12 months
8	Construction of Washerman ghat with IoT at Karuppandurai and Vannarpettai in Tirunelveli Corporation. (3 locations)	4.20	4.20	6 months
9	Re-development of VOC Stadium at Palayamkottai in Tirunelveli Corporation	14.95	14.95	12 months

A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification criteria and the financial criteria as mentioned in the Bid document. The bidding documents will be available from **25.12.2020 to 27.01.2021**. A pre-bid meeting to be held on **11.01.2021** on **11.00 hours.** Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** The bidder shall upload their bids on or before **15.00 hours** on **27.01.2021**. The tender will be opened on **15.30 hours** on **28.01.2021**.
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The Managing Director, Madurai Smart City Limited hereby invites **"Request for Proposal (RFP)"** for Implementation of System Integrated Command and Control Centre at Madurai City Municipal Corporation under Smart Cities Mission Scheme. The RFP document for the subject project will be available at the following addresses on payment of **Rs.12,500/-** in the form of a Demand Draft from any scheduled bank, drawn in favour of **" The Managing Director, Madurai Smart City Limited " payable at Madurai.**
The **"Request for Proposal (RFP)"** document will be available for download at free of cost from the Website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** from **24.12.2020 to 27.01.2021, 3.00 PM. Pre-bid Meeting is on 04.01.2021, 4.30 PM at Conference Hall in Aringar Anna Maligai.** The RFP should be accompanied with an Earnest Money Deposit as **(Rs. 12,31,000/-)** specified in the Tender Document. The RFP documents shall be submitted in person on or before **03.00 pm** on **27.01.2021** at the following address ;
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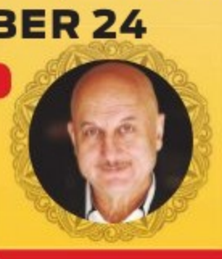
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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

International Competitive Procurement (ICP) **(Funding: The World Bank)**

Date: 23 December 2020

Suchitwa Mission (under Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala) invites Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) from Consultants for the aforesaid project. The complete REOI documents are available for download from our website http://www.sanitation.kerala.gov.in from ***23 December 2020***. EOIs (Soft Copy) shall be received up to ***1700 hrs*** on ***11 January 2021***.

This REOI is issued in conjunction with the REOI issued earlier (**Reference No.**: IN-SUCM -183681-CS-QCBS). The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) including the scope of work and other relevant information is given in the REOI document and is available at the website. Any updates to the REOI shall be hosted on our website.

The interested Firms are requested to ensure that all the updates are considered while submitting the EoI. All correspondence/communication shall be made to:

The Project Director-KSWMP, Suchitwa Mission, Basement Floor (-1), Swaraj Bhavan, Nanthancode, Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram-695003, Kerala, India.

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer, MPED-CENTRAL invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Apprx. Amount put to Tender (₹ in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹)
1.	Construction of Compound Wall at Eastern Side of IPP Building at Malleshwaram.	2.68	Deleted (As per GOK order no: FD/675 /Expend/12 /20-21 dt: 22.12.2020, (Declaration -3 enclosed)
2.	Special Repairs to 2nd Floor Room for Assistant Director Animal Husbandary at Dasappa Hospital in Ward No-119.	4.25	
3.	Renovation and Allied Works at Mayor Office anti Chamber Kitchen and Toilet at Main Building in Head Office Premises.	5.20	

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **26.12.2020.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before: **07.01.2021** upto **4:00 pm**. (3) Bid will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer-MPED-C on **11.01.2021** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **Sd/-**
Executive Engineer, MPED-Central

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ನಿಗಮ
ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

ಸಂ/ಕರಾಸ/ಮಂವಿ/ಸಂ/ವಾ/2135/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2020

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಂಧಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 05/2020–21
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ / ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕ.ರಾ.ರ.ಸಾ.ನಿಗಮ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಬಸ್ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರ ಬಸ್ಸು ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿಯಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಖಾಲಿಯಾಗಲಿರುವ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **"https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. **ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.01.2021ರಂದು ಸಮಯ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಆರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಯ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.01.2021 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** (ಯಾವುದೇ ಶಾಂತಿಕ ದೋಷವಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ).

ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ಬಸ್ಸುನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿಯಿರುವ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಂಧಾನ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತರು ನಿಗಧಿತ ಆರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಮತ್ತು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವ ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಿ ಆರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಷರತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿ: 21.01.2021ರಂದು 12:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಪಡೆದು ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಂಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕ.ರಾ.ರ.ಸಾ.ನಿಗಮ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಿಜೈ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು 575004 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಸಂಚಾರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ–**7760990702** & ಸಹಾಯಕ ಸಂಚಾರ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು: **7760990711** ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
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ವಾಣಸಂಇ/ಮಂಗಳೂರು/ಖರೀದಿ ಸಾಮ/2145/2020–21

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ; ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ.
ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | 6 ಅಡಿ ದೈಹಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553

CAD-962: **e-TENDER NOTICE NO:33/2020-21**

Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL), Bhubaneswar invites bids (in e-Tendering mode only) under two part bidding system from the reputed Firms/ Agencies having minimum three years experience in Govt. Departments, PSUs, reputed corporate sectors, organisations and autonomous bodies for providing services of Manpower for a period of one year from the date of commencement of the Agreement. The details of which are mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Manpower Required	E-Tender Identification/ Specification No.	Last Date
1	Data Entry Operator (Technical)	Sr. GM-CPC-e-Tender-33(1) /2020-21	12/01/2021
2	Attendant	Sr. GM-CPC-e-Tender-33(2) /2020-21	12/01/2021

Interested Bidders are required to enroll themselves on the tender portal **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** for participation in the above tender. Interested **Firms/Agencies** may visit OPTCL's official website **www.optcl.co.in** and **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** for detail specification.
Note:- All subsequent addendums / corrigendum to the tender shall be hosted in the web sites mentioned above only.

Sd/- SR.GENERAL MANAGER (CPC)
Email id- sgm.cpc@optcl.co.in
HIPR-23/2020-21 OIPR 04011/11/0077/2021

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer,

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,
D C Compound Premises, R T O Road, Shivamogga

ಸಂ.: ಕಾಇಂ/ಗ್ರಾ.ಕುನೀ&ನೈವಿಪಿ/ಜೆ.ಇ–02/Tender Notification/E-proc/2020-21/1584 ದಿನಾಂಕ : **19.12.2020**

Tender Notification (through e-procurement)

Procurement Rules 2000, item-war tenders are invited for the approval works coming under the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga District from the contractors registered in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department/PWD Department for the period 2020-25 in Class 1 and above as per **Standard Tender Documents for e-procurement of work KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4**. Those who are paying the cost of forms and EMD in e-payment may be paid through Credit/Debit cards.

1. The last date for submission of filled-in tender (e-procurement) : **25.12.2020 till 5.30 P M, 2.** Date of opening of technical bid : **27.12.2020 at 11.30 AM, 3.** Date of opening of financial bid **: 29.12.2020 at 11.30 AM, 4.** Period for completion of works: **2 months.**

If the above dates happens to be a holiday, the next day will be considered. Information on tender works and conditions may be obtained in the Department's website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

SI NO	Indent No	Scheme Name	Amount put to the Tenders (in lakhs)	EMD Amount (in lakhs)	Period for completion of work
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT26959 /Call-2	Providing FHTC's to 206 Households in mutthagi habitation of Hosamuthagi village, through retrofitting and agumentation from SVS to PWS to muthagi habitatin Hosamuthagi village in manchikoppa GP, shikarinura taluk shimoga Dist	3028742.27	60600	60 Days
2	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27911 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 391 households in Kunchenahali habitations of Kunchenahali village in Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting from MVS to WSS for Bullapura and other 17 Villages in Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district(LPCD55)	4257040.09	85500	60 Days
3	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27992 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 264 households in KOMMANAL habitations of KOMMANAL village In Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting from MVS to WSS for Bullapuraand other 17 Villages In Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district(LPCD55)	3870860.28	78000	60 Days
4	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT28030 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 20 households in Boodigere habitations of Boodigere village,Providing FHTCs to 150 households in Bannikere habitations of Bannikere village and Providing FHTCs to 76 households in Kallapura habitations of Kallapura village in Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting from MVS to WSS for Bullapura and other 17 VIiiages in Shivamogga taluk Shivamooaa district (LPCD56)	560837.87	65000	60 Days
5	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27837 /Call-2	Providing FHTC's to 125 households in GANAPATHIKATTE Ehabitations of POTLAMANE village THIRTHAHALLI taluk Shlvamogga District through Retrofitting and Augmentation from SVS to PWS of GANAPATHI KATTE Habitatiom of POTLAMANE village in Thirthahalli taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 22)	2316565.01	47000	60 Days
6	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27925 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 39 households in Bikkonahalli habitations of Bikkonahalli village and providing FHTCs to 225 households in Beeranakere habitations of Beeranakere village in Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting from MVS to WSS for Bullapura and other 17 Villages in Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 55)	800936.38	68000	60 Days
7	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT28044 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 105 in HARURU Habitation of HARURU Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of HARURU Habitaion of HARURU Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	2457777.41	50000	60 Days
8	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27205 /Call-2	Providing FHTC's to 141 Households VIDYUT NAGARA habitation of VIDYUT NAGARA village in KODAKANI taluk Shivamogga district through Retrofitting & Agumentation from SVS to PWS of Kodakani Habitation of Kodakani Village in Soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District	3419293.89	69000	60 Days
9	RWSSD/2020-21/WT/WORK - INDENT27100 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 123 in Kaisodi Habitation of Kaisodi Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of Kaisodi Habitaion of Kaisodi Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	2469038.32	50000	60 Days
10	RWSSD/2020-21/WT/WORK - INDENT27149 /Call-2	District Providing FHTC to 87 in HALAGALALI Habitation of HALAGALALI Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of HALAGALALI Habitaion of HALAGALALI Village in Soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District	3037838.2	61000	60 Days
11	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27382 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 63 in Amlikoppa Habitation of Amlikoppa Village and Providing FHTC,s to 37 House Holds in Sambapura Habitation of Sambapura Village in soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of Amlikoppa and Sambapura Habitaion of Amlikoppa and Sambapura Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	1611300.72	46000	60 Days
12	RWSSD/2020-21/WT/WORK - INDENT27155 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 84 in HEGGODU Habitation of HEGGODU Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of HEGGODU Habitaion of HEGGODU Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	1846962.49	37000	60 Days
13	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27668 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 196 in ANKARAVALLI Habitation of ANKARAVALLI Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of ANKARAVALLI Habitaion of ANKARAVALLI Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	3396065.73	68000	60 Days
14	RWSSD/2020-21/WT/WORK - INDENT27185 /Call-2	Providing FHTC's to 242 Households in Rajiva Nagara habitation of Halesoraba village, through retrofitting and agumentation from SVS to pws to Rajivangara habitation Halesoraba village in Halesoraba GP,Soraba taluk, shimoga Dist	3101484.5	62100	60 Days
15	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27442 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 203 in KAMARURU Habitation of KAMARURU Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of KAMARURU Habitaion of KAMARURU Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	2707114.28	54500	60 Days
16	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27644 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 548 in HECCHE Habitation of HECCHE Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of HECCHE Habitaion of HECCHE Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	8426799.35	16855000	60 Days
17	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27540 /Call-2	A)Providing FHTC to 73 in NERCHE Habitation of NERCHE Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of NERCHE Habitaion of NERCHE Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District B) Providing FHTC's to 55 household in GENDLA HOSUR habitaion of GENDLA HOSUR village, soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District through Retrofitting & Augmentation From SVS to PWS of GENDLA habitation of GENDLA Village, in Soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District	1794807.64	71000	60 Days
18	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27444 /Call-2	A) Providing FHTC to 187 in BETTADAKURLI Habitation of BETTADAKURLI Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of BETTADAKURLI Habitaion of BETTADAKURLI Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District B) Providing FHTC's to 157 household in BOMMANAHALLI habitaion of BOMMANAHALLI village, soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District through Retrofitting & Augmentation From SVS to PWS of BOMMANAHALLI habitation of BOMMANAHALLI Village	1528597.42	83000	60 Days
19	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27446 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 180 in BENNURU Habitation of BENNURU Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of BENNURU Habitaion of BENNURU Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	3197427.9	64000	60 Days
20	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27698 /Call-2	Providing FHTC's to 338 households in MANDENAKOPPA habitations of MANDENAKOPPA village Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting and Augmentation from SVS to PWS of MANDENAKOPPA habitation of MANDENAKOPPA village in Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 18)	5193801.34	104000	60 Days
21	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27672 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 446 households in MATTUR habitations of MATTUR village in Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting from MVS to WSS for Santhekadur and other 17 Villages in Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 55)	4597429.85	92000	60 Days
22	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27706 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 234 households in CHIKKAGOPENAHALLI & 70 households in GONDI habitations of CHIKKAGOPENAHALLI village in Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga District through Augmantation and Retrofitting from MVS to Kambadalhosur and other 21 villags 2)Providing FHTCs to 215 households in ARALIKOPPA habitations of ARALIKOPPA village in Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga District through Augmantation and Retrofitting from MVS to Kambadalhosur and other 21 villages Bhadravathi taluk (LPCD 40)	2601862.41	95000	60 Days
23	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27684 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 16 households in BILAKI TANDA habitations of BILAKI village in Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga District through Augmantation and Retrofitting from MVS to Biliki and other 03 villags Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 41),2)Providing FHTCs to 326 households in RABBARKADU habitations of BHALLEMARANAHALLI village in Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga District through Augmantation and Retrofitting from MVS to Kambadalhosur and other 21 villags Bhadravathi taluk	998362.66	79000	60 Days
24	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT26528 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 71 households in Ittigehalli Thanda habitation of Ittigehalli village, Shikaripura taluk Shivamogga district through Retrofitting and augmentation from SVS to PWS to Ittigehalli Thanda habitation to Ittigehalli village in Muddanahalli GP Shivamogga district (16 LPCD)	1763117.89	45000	60 Days
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1	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27537 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 266 House Holds in GUNJANURU IN GUNJANURU Habitation of GUNJANURU Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of GUNJANURU Habitaion of GUNJANURU Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga district	4073901.7	81500	60 Days
2	RWSSD/2020-21/WT/WORK - INDENT27165 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 96 in HIRIYAVALI Habitation of HIRIYAVALI Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogga District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS of HIRIYAVALI Habitaion of HIRIYAVALI Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	2814496.1	57000	60 Days
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1	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27656 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 223 households in GANGURU habitations of GANGURU village in Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga District through Augmantation and Retrofitting from MVS to Kambadalhosur and other 21 villags Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 43) 2) Providing FHTC's to 17 households in MASARAHALLI habitations of MASARAHALLI village Bhadravathi taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting and Augmentation from SVS TO PWS OF MASARAHALLI habitation of MASARAHALLI Village in Shivamogga tal	1744856.66	39550	60 Days
2	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT27690 /Call-2	Providing FHTCS to 223 households in DUMMALLI habitations of DUMMALLI village in Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting from MVS to WSS for Santhekadur and other 17 Villages in Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 55)	2749570.71	55000	60 Days
3	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT28037 /Call-2	Providing FHTC to 105 in DYAVANAHALLI Habitation of DYAVANAMALLI Village soraba Taluk, Shivmogna District through Retrofitting and Agumentation from SVS to PWS OF DYAVANAHALLI Habitaion of DYAVANAHALLI Village in Soraba Taluk. Shivmogga District	2186452.59	21860	60 Days
4	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK - INDENT28061 /Call-2	Providing FHTCs to 149 households in KYATINAKOPPA habitations of KYATINAKOPPA Village and providing FHTCS to 221 households in: HOTIGATTA habitations of HOTIGATTA village in Shimoga taluk Shivamogga District through Retrofitting from MVS to WSS for Santhekadur and other 17 Villages in Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district (LPCD 55)	1783122.67	41630	60 Days

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

KARNATAKA LABOUR WELFARE BOARD, BANGALORE
O/o Welfare Commissioner, "Labour Welfare Bhavan", No.48, 2nd Floor, Mathikere Main Road, (Near R.T.O. Office), Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-22, Phone : 080-23570266

Dated: 18-12-2020

PRESS NOTE

1) It is mandatory for the below mentioned establishments to remit contributions as per the Karnataka Labour Welfare Fund, Act 1965. Compulsory contributions has to be paid by all factories, plantations, workshops, motor, omnibus services and shops and commercial establishments/ITBT firms employing more than 50 workers, charitable trusts, societies registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, etc.

2) **As per the Government notification no:** ಸಂಪ್ರಶಾಇ 5 ಶಾಸನ **2016,** ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06.04.2017 **Amendment Act is repealed by Government notification No. DPAL 18 SHASANA 2020, BENGALURU DATED: 01-12-2020 and has been incorporated under original Act i.e. Karnataka Labour Welfare Fund Act 1965 section 7A.** Therefore Factory/Establishment will pay contribution at the ratio of **Rs. 20:40** (Employees Rs. 20/- Employers Rs. 40) & to be remitted through online only.

3) Labour welfare fund payment for online www.klwb.karnataka.gov.in

LAST DATE TO PAY CONTRIBUTION: 15-01-2021 (CALENDER YEAR 2020)

Delay in payment of Contributions will attract penal interest at the rate of 12% for 1st 3 months and after 3 months 18% on the amount due, and inspections by the Welfare Commissioner.

For further clarification contact phone No. **8277291175, 8277120505, 080-23475188.**

Sd/- Welfare Commissioner
Karnataka Labour Welfare Board
Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore.

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Addendum of Advertisement No.: 1/DPS/2020

Consequent to the instructions issued on 13/11/2020 by the Department regarding procedure for Direct Recruitment to Group B (Non Gazetted) and Group C posts, the following addendum to the Advt. No.1/DPS/2020 published on 28/11/2020 in the Employment News for the various posts in the Directorate of Purchase & Stores is issued in the following sections:

A) 'Point 3 of Para III. Examination Pattern'

Level 2 - Written Examination (Descriptive Type) for Upper Division Clerk

Subjects	Max. Marks	Duration	Duration for persons with disability candidates
Descriptive written test inclusive of objective questions: Part A : English Language comprising of Comprehension, Précis and English Grammar	50	3 Hours	4 Hours
Descriptive test comprising of : Part B: Essay, Noting and Drafting	50		

Note: Part A of the Descriptive written test in Level 2 has to be written in English. Part B of the Descriptive written test in Level 2 has to be written purely either in English or in Hindi. If it is written in a combination of both English and Hindi, zero marks will be awarded.

B) 'Note mentioned under Para III. Examination Pattern'

f) All candidates who have applied and fulfilled the eligibility criteria will be called for Level 1 written examination.

g) For the post of UDC: In the event where large number of candidates obtain the minimum qualifying marks in the level 1 written examination, category wise short listing will be done as per the descending order of the merit score in the Level 1. Short listing will be done in the ratio of 1:20 for first 20 vacancies and in the ratio of 1:10 for the remaining vacancies.

h) Resolution in case of tie in empanelment criteria:

i) Total of Level 1 and Level 2 marks in case of UDC and JPA / JSK. Level 2 marks only in case of Stenographer Grade-II and Grade-III.

ii) Date of Birth (preference will be given to elder candidate).

iii) Alphabetical order of name (in the order of First Name, Middle Name and Surname)

All other sections of the advertisement remains unchanged.

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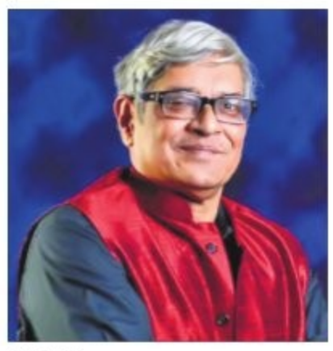
ONCE A NEW TECHNOLOGY ROLLS OVER YOU, IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE STEAMROLLER, YOU'RE PART OF THE ROAD) STEWART BRAND

Telangana IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao urged Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal to allocate special funds in the Union Budget 2021-22 for State projects

'GOD'S A WORD FROM SANSKRIT'

This is what economist and author Bibek Debroy said of the origin of the word 'God' while speaking at DakLF 2020. Here's how the entire session went down

God might be an English word but its roots can be traced back to Sanskrit, said **Bibek Debroy**, author of the recently released *The Bhagavad Gita for Millennials*. He is more popularly known as an economist and the Chairman of the PM's Economic Advisory Council but he is considered an authority when it comes to Sanskrit texts. He was in conversation with senior journalist and author Kaveree Bamzai at TNIE's DakLF 2020.



Bibek Debroy

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"I am averse to using words that are imported and implanted from the West, including a word like God," said Debroy. "The word God, etymologically, is cognate with a Sanskrit root — *Hutam*, someone you offer oblations to. It's a tragedy and travesty that millennials do not know this. If at the time of the *Rajasuya Yagna*, the first *arghya* was offered to Krishna in the *Mahabharata*, then, in some sense, Krishna was the *Hutam*. But I would not like to use the word God," he added.

There is not one but many Gitas, said Debroy and added that there are more than 20 of them in the *Mahabharata* itself. "Gita is anything that is sung or chanted. Here there is an adjective, Bhagavad, which automatically suggests that there must be other Gitas as well. There are around 60 different Gitas depending on how you define a Gita. Some of them people are familiar with, like the *Ashtavakra Gita*," said Debroy. "There are texts like the *Uddhava Gita* which is from the Puranas. The two from the *Mahabharata* that people are probably most familiar with are the *Dharma Vyadha Gita* and the *Anu Gita*. There are things that are not directly referred to as Gitas but are very much on the same lines, for example, the *Yaksha Prashna*," he added.

Talking about whether COVID-19 has made people realise the importance of the Gita, Debroy said that the *Bhagavad Gita* has always been there but due to COVID-19, people have much more free time — they are not going to the multiplex and thus they have time to dip into the texts. "If you are interested in it you will find the time, COVID or no COVID," he added.

Debroy said that he wrote this book to get millennials to read the *Bhagavad Gita* in Sanskrit. "I wanted people to get sufficiently familiar to read the text of the *Bhagavad Gita* in Sankrit and then read translations and commentaries," he added. "My intention was to get the millennials interested in the *Bhagavad Gita*," he said.

'Cartoonists don't have to take sides'

I know only about the environment and wildlife, I do what I know best. It's not necessary for a cartoonist to take up every battle to fight, and so I have picked my own

Rohan Chakravarthy

I take pleasure in offending people in power. No matter what kind of people (or party) are in power, I will continue to do that

Rachita Taneja

SHOULD cartoonists have a slant when it comes to their satire? "I don't feel that cartoonists have to take any side. I believe that a cartoonist is never a leftist or a rightist but can be a sadist," said **Rohan Chakravarthy**, cartoonist and creator of *Green Humour*, a comic strip related to environment-related issues.

Rohan was speaking at the Dakshin Literary Festival 2020 which is being virtually conducted by the New Indian Express from December 21 to 24, 2020. He was in conversation with two other artists, **Rachita Taneja**, creator of *Sanitary Panels* on Instagram, and **Ashvini Menon** who is the founder and principal designer at Ashvini Menon Visual Design Studio along with the Chief Reporter of Edex, Daniel Thimmayya.

Ashvini Menon

Speaking about the kind of cartoons she draws, Rachita added, "Different cartoons offer different things, satire is the backbone of my cartoon. My work is very heavily reliant on satire, on making fun of those in power." People being the common denominator. That and a healthy dose of humour. Ashvini, whose latest strip *World Piece* is a witty take on life during the lockdown, added, "My focus is on people because the government of a country is a major reflection of the kind of society we are ready to live in. With my cartoons, I focus on people's behaviour and what happens around me."

Social media has brought in a larger audience for all three but they have all had to face a fair share of trolling. For Rachita, who was one of the earliest proponents of webcomics in India, social media helped gain a massive following, "One of the drawbacks, however, is the algorithm changes and thus the reach."

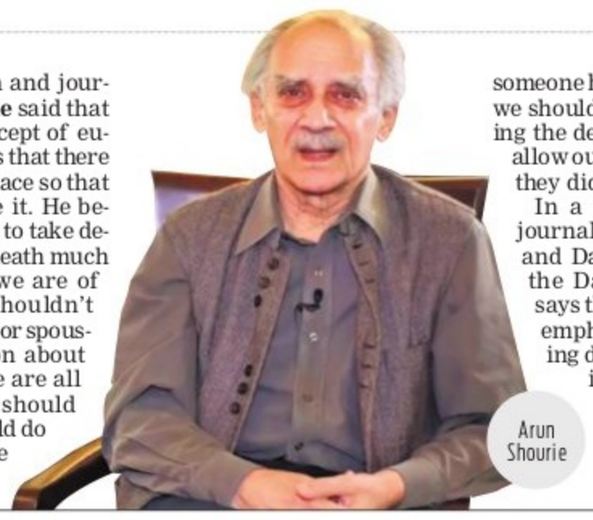
So where is your story set this time?

BOTH **Aruna Nambiar** and **Priya Balasubramanian** are writers who have delivered their strongly South Indian characters on a platter of beautiful, nostalgic words. On December 23, the authors came together at TNIE's DakLF 2020 to discuss the anatomy of a character. "Location is essential because it evokes a setting for the reader. The reader needs to be able to see what you are seeing in your mind's eye," says Aruna, the author of *Mango Cheeks, Metal Teeth* (2013) and *The Monsters Still Lurk* (2019). Priya concurs.

Although her novel, *Alchemy of Secrets*, has only been published in India, Priya insists that the American audience has always been drawn to Indian fiction. "We have followed on the heels of giants. I would say Indian writing is a familiar territories for those in the US. *Alchemy of Secrets* is a novel with multiple perspectives and this makes it more Indian," explains Priya who is a gastroenterologist and transplant hepatologist based out of Sacramento, California.

'Shouldn't burden our family with decisions about death'

WRITER, politician and journalist **Arun Shourie** said that he supports the concept of euthanasia but believes that there should be rules in place so that people don't misuse it. He believes it's important to take decisions about one's death much in advance, when we are of stable mind, "We shouldn't burden our relatives or spouses with the decision about our death. When we are all of sound mind, we should decide what we would do in a situation where someone has to decide whether we should live or die. By making the decision ourselves, we allow our relatives to feel like they did the right thing."



Arun Shourie

In a conversation with journalists Kaveree Bamzai and Daniel Thimmayya at the DakLF 2020, Shourie says that Buddha laid great emphasis on contemplating death, "He said it was important to observe a body in different stages of decay. After a day, a month, a year, till ten years later when it becomes dust."

In his latest book, *Preparing for Death*, he delves into a subject that most of the world avoids or is scared of — death. Shourie talks about why it's important to ponder on and understand death and to not shy away from making peace with it. Shourie says it is important to be conscious about death instead of distancing ourselves from it.

But he also warns that if thoughts about death make you depressed, then it's best to stop thinking about it. Shourie in his book studies the lives and last days of the Buddha, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Ramana Maharshi, Gandhiji, Vinoba Bhave and others. "When you ask someone how to prepare for death, the usual response is to ensure you lead a good life. But even then we are talking about being attached to life or the goodness of it, so you are not really looking at death and so you are not really preparing for it," he says.

EXPRESS READ

KSPCB releases norms for waste management

Bengaluru: To deal with hazardous waste generated from industries, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) issued a series of guidelines on Tuesday. As per the new orders, signed by KSPCB member secretary Srinivasulu, the permission granted for standalone incinerators to dispose of bio-medical waste from the Covid-19 treatment was withdrawn and they shall not handle such waste henceforth. The order said that industries sending their waste to these incinerators, must send the hazardous waste to those in far off places. The MoU between the incinerator unit and the industry should be for a stipulated time and the KSPCB must be aware of the agreement, a copy of which must be submitted to the KSPCB. **ENS**

Nun's death was a homicide, says court while shredding arguments on her mental health

Abhaya murder accused get life term

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A CASE of "sex and murder" indeed, said the CBI Special Court in Thiruvananthapuram, while delivering the sentence against the culprits of Sr Abhaya. The court on Wednesday sentenced Father Thomas Kottoor and Sister Sephy to life imprisonment, a day after pronouncing the duo guilty in the murder of the young nun who accidentally witnessed them engage in sexual acts.

Special Court Judge K Sanilkumar also imposed a fine of ₹6.5 lakh on the first-accused Kottoor and ₹5.5 lakh on the third-accused Sephy. The CBI court had discharged second-accused Father Jose Poothrikkayil two years ago.

> The sexual act was the cause of the murder and murder was the effect of the sexual act
>
> Court judgement

"The fact that the accused persons were caught in flagrante delicto provoked (them) to do away with the deceased," read the judgment, which backed the prosecution's "copper bottomed allegation" that the case was one of sex and murder. Abhaya's death was a homicide, and it has been proved that the "sexual act was the cause of the murder and murder was the effect of the sexual act," the judgment said.

The court reached the conclusion by relying on the statements of social worker Kalarcode Venugopal, petty thief Adakka Raju, Sephy's medical examination report and circumstantial evidence. According to the judgment, Abhaya was attacked on her head with some weapon, and her death was caused by the resultant injury and drowning. There were six ante-mortem injuries on her person and nail marks on both sides of her neck, the judgment further read. Citing forensic expert Dr V Kanthaswami's report, it said three of these injuries had occurred before Abhaya's body was submerged in water, while two oblique injuries on the head could have been caused by the weapon. In addition, the fact that Sephy was staying alone in the convent's cellar on the fateful day was held against the accused.

The defense lawyers' argument that Abhaya had depression was also shredded by the court, who quoted the statements of Prof Thressiamma, who taught Abhaya at the BCM College, to prove otherwise.

TIGRESS RESCUED

Forest officials rescue a tigress that was trapped in a snare laid out for wild boars, in Balele village in Kodagu district on Wednesday. The tigress suffered minor injuries and has been shifted to the Koorgalli Rescue Centre near Mysuru. It will be released back into the wild after a thorough observation. Virajpet DCF Chakrapani said the tigress is over 10 years old and has some missing teeth | EXPRESS

CRACKING DOWN

POLICE GIVE TIGHT SECURITY TO WISTRON UNIT

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

THE police have provided tight security at the Narasapura Industrial Hub, particularly near Wistron Corporation unit, which witnessed large-scale violence by its workers on December 12, said Inspector General of Police (Central) Seemant Kumar Singh, here on Wednesday.

The police are extending all help to the company, which makes iPhones, to restart operations at the earliest, he added. In all, four criminal cases have been filed -- three on the complaints by Wistron officials and one from the police, he said.

The Kolar police have so far arrested 167 workers, including a few women, in connection with the violence. The rioting workers were arrested after verification of the CCTV footage. Some protesters are missing, but they will be traced and arrested soon, he added.

Kolar Superintendent of Police Karthick Reddy said that they are conducting the inquiry from all angles. The probe includes six contractors who supplied workers to Wistron -- Innova Source, Creative Engineers, Quess Corp, Needs, Rand Stad and Adheco Group – company officials and workers, he added.

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The labour commissioner and senior officials too are collecting information, he said.

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Ex-MLA was kidnapped for ransom, says IGP

V VELAYUDHAM @Kolar

INVESTIGATION has revealed that former Kolar MLA Varthur R Prakash was kidnapped for ransom and not for any other reason, Central Range Inspector General of Police Seemant Kumar Singh told the media on Wednesday.

The Kolar police arrested two more persons on Tuesday. The police had arrested prime accused Kaviraj and three persons last week. This takes the arrests in the case so far to six.

The five other arrested persons are Likith , first year B. Com student , Ullas, second year B.Com student, Manoj, Raghavendra and Praveen.

Seeanth Kumar Singh said the police had recovered Rs 20.5 lakh, one Innova, two Maruti Swift, one Maruti Ritz and one KTM Duke, and also weapons used for kidnapping.

He said that after the case was transferred from Bellandur to Kolar, a team headed by Kolar SP Karthick Reddy was formed to nab the accused persons. The team worked from various angles and travelled to Madhya Pradesh, neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and arrested Kaviraj in Madurai after a car chase for nearly 20km. He said Kaviraj was involved in nine criminal cases in Bengaluru City and one case in Tamil Nadu.

Varthur Prakash had alleged that he and his driver were abducted from near his farmhouse on November 25.

Kerala Guv to CM: Your duty to keep me informed

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GOVERNOR Arif Mohammed Khan has responded to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's letter, saying he rejected the cabinet's recommendation to convene a special assembly session on Wednesday because the government failed to convey the factors that necessitated it. He also sought to remind the chief minister that it was his duty to keep the governor informed of the government's decisions.

In his letter to the governor on Tuesday, the CM had said that Khan's decision was contrary to the constitutional scheme. In his reply, the governor said the farmers' protest in Delhi was an issue in which the state had no jurisdiction so as to offer any solution. Khan also expressed his displeasure over the contents of the CM's letter to him -- which was marked "confidential" -- being released to the media.

The governor said the government had on December 18 recommended convening of the budget session of the assembly on January 8 for which approval was given on December 21. He said, on the same day, the government withdrew its earlier recommendation and sent a fresh proposal to summon an emergency session on December 23.

"Even in the current matter, I did not refuse to accede to your request. I merely raised some questions and hoped that you would respond with full information to satisfy me that some unforeseen things have happened and show what you propose to do to deal with this unexpected situation," the governor wrote in his letter.

Khan said the government did not reply to his questions, but brought in extraneous issues which he had not raised at any stage. "In your response, you did not address the question relating to the nature of emergency which necessitated summoning of an emergency session of the assembly," the governor said.

"You'll agree that as chief minister, it is your constitutional duty to keep the governor fully informed about the decisions of the government and it is my right to be consulted and to counsel the government," Khan reminded Pinarayi.

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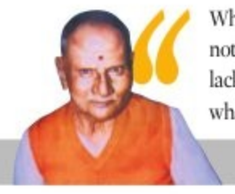

"What prevents you from knowing is not the lack of opportunity, but the lack of ability to focus in your mind what you want to understand"

Nisargadatta Maharaj

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— Ramnath Goenka

TIME TO BUILD ON THE GAINS FROM J&K DDC ELECTIONS

On the face of it, the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, an amalgamation of political foes brought together by their opposition to the reading down of Article 370 and removal of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, has scored a major victory in the District Development Council elections in J&K. It has won more than 110 seats out of 280 while the BJP, its main rival, managed to bag only 74. Of the 20 district councils, the PAGD has won control of nine, all in the Valley, while the BJP will head six councils, all in the Jammu region. The remaining five are up for grabs.

But beyond the numbers, the message from the election is not an unqualified endorsement of the PAGD. This is clear from the fact that the BJP, for the first time, managed to win three seats in Kashmir. For the saffron party, the restoration of Article 370 was a non-issue. So the fact that it managed to make inroads in the region shows there is a constituency that is willing to let the controversial constitutional provision be dead and buried. The PAGD, whose sole election theme was the restoration of Article 370 and statehood, put up a strong performance in the Valley, underlining that the issues are still relevant. But at the same time, the BJP's debut in the region also represents a rejection of the alliance and its core beliefs. It's true the state government employed many dirty tricks to scuttle the PAGD's prospects. In the name of security and threats from militants, it convinced the alliance's candidates to not move outdoors to campaign and remain confined to "safe houses" while the security forces allowed BJP candidates to canvass. But even so, the elections were mostly, if not completely, free and fair and the results are a true reflection of the mood on the ground.

The time now is to build on the gains from the DDC elections. The healthy turnout even in the Kashmir Valley shows the people are ready to put Article 370 behind them and look ahead. The J&K government's immediate task must be to bring development, jobs and security. After this, it should look to building trust and winning hearts.

NOT A PRETTY PICTURE IN K'TAKA iPHONE PLANT

$250 million is not a figure to be scoffed at. India, after all, seeks to get investors to sow their good money in this soil. And what could be more symbolic of a consumer product of the Information Age than the iPhone! Now, $250 million is what Taiwanese company Wistron has benchmarked as its India plan. But those plans are not quite going the way it would have liked. When the first headlines broke about violent labour unrest at its iPhone plant at Narasapura, in Karnataka's Kolar district, those prone to easy outrage would have cavilled against all that militant unionism. Glass panes, cars, assembly units, furniture: the anarchic anger from thousands of workers spared nothing. Not a pretty picture. But then, the stories started leaking out about the appalling contract conditions, salary cuts and long-pending wages.

As word got around, and attracted notice around the world, Apple Inc itself had to sit up and take notice. Now it has put Wistron on probation. The reasons may not be philanthropic. Something very core to Apple is injured if that intangible thing called 'brand value' is hit. Whatever may be the logic of late-capitalist labour outsourcing, a sleek iPhone SE will not exude that same vibe if the odour of a Kolar sweat shop is attached to it. As of now, rival Taiwanese contract manufacturers like Foxconn and Pegatron—who too have a significant India footprint—may benefit from Wistron's discomfiture, and Tamil Nadu may step in to wean away some manufacturing from Karnataka. No wonder B S Yediyurappa is working overtime. Some 167 workers at Kolar have been arrested, mediation is afoot to bring equanimity to another trouble spot—the two Toyota Kirloskar plants at Bidadi—and BSY has now reaffirmed his plans for a Global Investors Summit. But even as the toys of tomorrow roll off the belt, the ancient questions still linger in the air like ghosts at the factory gates.

For many leaders, managing the short and long term simultaneously is a great challenge. They are important for institution building, but how does a leader do both?

SHAPING INSTITUTIONS: SHORT VS LONG TERM AND LEVERS OF CHANGE

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BUILDING BUSINESSES

There are several well-run Indian companies, but only a few qualify as business institutions. A business institution has at its core certain universally accepted values for which it is held in high esteem. It has an innate resilience to withstand tectonic challenges, yet is continuously achieving performance benchmarks. Such transformational leaders are 'shapers', who are characterised by distinct MBAs—Mindset, Behaviour and Action—along eight dimensions. In this article, we illustrate two dimensions: Short vs Long Term and Levers of Change.

Short Term vs Long Term:

For many leaders, managing the short and long term simultaneously is a great challenge. They are necessary and important for institution building, but how does a leader do both? Our research and writings on six companies—Marico, Kotak Bank, HDFC group, L&T, Biocon and TCS—gave us some useful insights.

Marico's value statement affirms 'profit optimisation'. This signals that there will be no trade-off between quality and costs for short-term benefits. For Harsh Mariwala, this commitment meant that the gap between revenues and profits was acceptable so long as the growth line was steeper than the loss line. Marico avoided the common practice of month-end loading of stocks into its channel. Harsh ensured this by installing an integrated MIS that linked supply to channel sales. This commitment to the trade has had a beneficial impact on Marico's long-term profitability.

At Kotak Mahindra Bank, Uday Kotak's policy was to take granular steps: "It will be slower, but success will be more solid and sustainable". All decisions were based on an underlying criteria of value creation. Kotak would often say, "If something did not create economic value, Kotak Mahindra Bank would not do it just to boost the next quarter earnings."

Anil Naik too was cast in the same mould at Larsen and Toubro. Even as the manufacturing facility at Hazira was taking shape, Naik, looking ahead, got working simultaneously on getting skilled workers by putting in place a master plan for sourcing and training workers: the hardscape, creating capacity by way of a massive fabrication yard and installing machinery, and the softscape, capability building and training manpower, were taken up simultaneously.

Naik's grasp of the fundamental truth of short-term actions building up to generate long-term value is revealed in his unremitting commitment towards ensuring that the long-term share price reflected the true value of L&T. The true value of a share is determined by growth of business along with profitability and return of capital employed. Naik launched Project Blue Chip, a programme to successfully transform L&T into a blue-chip company .

Levers of Change:

A shaper anticipates and exploits emerging trends across all functional areas to galvanise the organisation from complacency to an aspirational mindset.

Perceiving the emerging consumer trend towards 'brands' in the eighties, Harsh Mariwala engineered Marico's shift from the traditional business mindset of selling a product to the market to the professional mindset of marketing a brand to the customer. He transformed Parachute cooking oil from a commodity to a differentiated brand through innovative packaging, customised offerings and direct retailing. At the organisational level, Harsh leveraged the soft power of the human resource function to reshape Marico as an empowered and responsible family of hierarchy-unconscious members, energised by the organisational belief in viewing initiatives on the metric of 'you win or you learn'.

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At L&T, Anil Naik perceived human resources as a lever of change for institutionalising employee commitment. Naik was conscious of the strong sense of emotional bonding encoded in the managers of L&T, reflecting the professional values of the founders and many leaders. Under his leadership, a win-win scheme was devised to convert the emotional equity of the employees to financial equity. This was done by hiving off the cement unit to Aditya Birla Group and transferring the transaction amount to the L&T Employees Welfare Trust. As the company did not have a single owner with large shareholding, this action served to ring-fence L&T from corporate raiders, with employees now having substantial voting rights.

At Kotak Mahindra Bank, Uday Kotak adopted digital technology as a prime lever of change for rapid onboarding of customers with zero account balance through the simple process of a banking app. Kotak Bank's investment in information technology from the start-up stage enabled the bank to leverage the first-mover advantage when the RBI brought in video-based KYC option and when insurance and mutual fund operations were opened up for banks.

Over the last six months, we have summarised in this newspaper the insights and learnings from a unique research project on institution-building. This has been a rare collaboration among five academics of Bhavan's SPJIMR and a seasoned practitioner, unique in Indian management thought leadership.

(During his 50-year career, Gopalakrishnan had served as Director, Tata Sons and, before that, as Vice Chairman, Hindustan Unilever. Together, the authors have written the book 'How Harsh Mariwala Groomed Marico', to be published in February 2021)

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MAKING USE OF THE LANGUAGE LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY

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Author and founder of IndiTales

Four years ago, while looking at search analytics of our travel blog, we found that people were searching Hindi terms and that too in Devanagari, but they were obviously landing on an English page. This led us to launch our Hindi Travel blog that soon garnered a compact but loyal readership without much marketing. The marketing spends on the Hindi media and I assume other Indian languages stay negligible.

Things are changing fast though. Instagram recently announced that Instagram Lite would be available in several Indian languages. Google just announced that it would show relevant content in compatible Indian languages that include major Indian ones. I can already see my Google Adsense account in Hindi; Google Maps should soon follow. The Facebook app already picks up a default local language for me based on my base location. The Jio browser for Android phones supports eight Indian languages. One of the big reasons for the success of video content is that it breaks the language barriers. It can be created without worrying about the grammar rules in the language or a dialect that you are most comfortable in.

As content is being translated and published in different languages around the country and the world, it opens up translation as a career opportunity for a large number of people. Perfect for those who want to live a flexible life with a laptop as office. This in turn is an opportunity for trainers who train people in different languages, either in online or offline classrooms or through mobile apps. I am reminded of my visit to Mattur—one of the rare Sanskrit-speaking villages in Karnataka. While I was amazed to hear the fluent conversational Sanskrit, I was equally delighted to see them using basic technology to teach Sanskrit around the world. Translation may seem like a freelancer's domain but there are big projects like the Murty Classical Library of India that is translating ancient Indian classics into English to make them available to the world. Given the number of manuscripts across the country and the world classics that we need to read in India, there is an opportunity for many more such projects.

Mumbai-based Indus, through its App Bazaar, is creating India's own version of Playstore to host mobile applications by leveraging the language advantage. It offers over four lakh apps in 12 Indian languages. Currently it is the default app store on about hundred million Samsung devices in India. It offers localisation support to any developer who wants to create an Indian language mobile app or port any existing app in Indian languages along with helping them with distribution—a great move that would help local language users as well as open up opportunities for those who want to build local and hyperlocal apps in these languages. Indus's technical support though still remains global, be it device partners Samsung or cloud partners Amazon web services. The company is yet to be profitable but its pioneering investment in languages will hopefully soon take it there.

> The marketing spends on local language media are currently negligible. But things are changing fast. Instagram recently said its Lite version would be available in many Indian languages. Google just announced that it would show relevant content in compatible Indian languages

Those working on natural language processing (NLP) have been trying to bridge the gap between human and machine learning. If you have ever wondered how your mobile phone creates your version of a dictionary on your device or how it converts text to speech taking care of the nuances of your pronunciation, or how Gmail suggests possible replies for your emails, its NLP at work. Machine translation is part of its portfolio. It is an area that has seen limited yet extremely usable success. You cannot yet trust the machine translations to have literary quality, but for all practical purposes they work. Google just launched its made in India, free and open-source machine learning tool for Indian languages called Multilingual Representations for Indian Languages or MuRIL for researchers, students, and start-ups who want to create local language technologies.

IBM's Watson Discovery—an artificial intelligence-based discovery tool—now supports Hindi, which is one of the 10 languages that they support worldwide. Simply put, this means that all the content available in these supported languages can now be searched for and translated to the language searched in. The impact of this is multi-dimensional. English would cease to be a necessary condition for both employers as well as employees, sharpening the focus on the core competencies and widening the net at both ends. Not to miss the opportunities in building more such technology tools.

A Gujarati reader once reported that he translates my posts using Google translate and gets confused, urging me to write in Gujarati. It told me about the need or market for local languages, the adaptation of latest technologies in remote areas, and the knowledge and hence opportunities gap that a better solution can plug for the user.

For the longest time we have seen digital nomads travelling the world teaching spoken English in non-English speaking regions. Would we see people travelling around to teach yoga or music speaking their own languages and using technology to communicate?

(Tweets @anuradhagoyal)

MAILBAG

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All credit to CBI

Finally, after 28 years, the court has found Father Thomas Kottoor and Sister Sephy guilty in the Sister Abhaya murder case and justice has been delivered. Now the Church should apologise to the public for protecting the guilty. The state police didn't perform its duty. All credit goes to the CBI and once again, it has proved to be a trustworthy agency.

Eappen Elias, Thiruvananthapuram

Justice at last

Hats off to the CBI for the verdict in the Sister Abhaya murder case. It is a pity that it took nearly three decades for a logical conclusion. There are many other such cases in the whole country that require immediate attention.

M T Thomas, Peruva

Relief for bereaved family

After many twists and turns, exemplary punishment was meted out to both Father Kottoor and Sister Sephy for murder and destruction of evidence. The bereaved family can finally heave a sigh of relief after 28 long years.

Dileep D Anand, Karuvatta

Verdict not final

The present verdict in the Abhaya case will not end here as the accused are expected to go on appeal. In a similar case in the mid-sixties, Father Benedict was sentenced to death by the Kollam Sessions Court but the Kerala High Court acquitted him. The then state government took a political decision not to go on appeal to the apex court. A similar turn of events cannot be ruled out now.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Democracy is the winner

The recent DDC election has paved the way for restoration of democracy in J&K. Democracy triumphed over Pakistan-sponsored terror and fear-mongering. That the BJP has made inroads into the Kashmir Valley is significant after the reading down of Article 370.

Sidheswar Dalai, Bhubaneswar

Maintain existing toilets too

The My City My Budget campaign that will seek suggestions from the people, especially with regards to building public toilets and pedestrian pathways, is a novel way of involving citizens (*BBMP launches campaign to make Palike budget more citizen-friendly*, Dec 22). But the maintenance of even existing common lavatories is far from satisfactory.

V N Subramanyam, Bengaluru

Vertical garden welcome

It was heartening to learn that a vertical garden is being readied on the Cathedral Road Flyover at Radhakrishnan Salai in Chennai (*Not a tall order*, Dec 22). Hope such gardens come up in other places too. It will be nice if gardeners are appointed to maintain them.

Srinivasan B, Chennai

Killing the golden goose

This is with reference to the editorial *Test of Men in Blue's mettle in Australia* (Dec 22). It would be a tall order for the Indian cricket team to salvage its reputation in the current series in Australia. The BCCI's promotion of the shorter version of the game has resulted in an decline in quality. With its greed, the board has killed the golden goose.

Y D Ramdas, Visakhapatnam

Many coaches, yet ...

Formerly, there used to be only a manager travelling with the team. Now we have a chief coach, along with specialised coaches for batting, bowling and fielding. Yet, the team was bundled out in the second innings and also dropped many catches. With a comfortable lead in the first innings, it was hard to understand the collapse in the second.

S S Rajagopalan, Chennai

Age-old problem

Barring the series against Australia in 2018, the age-old problem of India performing badly in away Tests continues. Unless the team is consistent in winning Test matches outside Indian soil, it hardly makes any sense to call them world-beaters.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Indira Jaising @IJaising
What about religious gatherings & election rallies, Mr. Salve. Did you raise it then? Farmers give us life, the food on our tables, protest is their birthright

Dilip Ghosh @DilipGhoshBJP
A CM who has deprived the poor farmers of our State from getting ₹6000 per year for her pettiness is now trying to pretend that she cares for farmers.

Narendra Singh Tomar @nstomar
Launched 196 Better Life Farming Centers established in nine states for better working with Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)

PM to provide fund balm for soothing tillers

On Dec 25, Modi will release ₹18,000 crore to nine crore beneficiaries of PM-Kisan scheme

The PM will release the next instalment of financial benefit under PM-Kisan. With the push of a button, the PM will enable the transfer of over ₹18,000 cr to more than nine crore beneficiaries

Agriculture minister

Reaching out to tillers

Under the scheme, ₹6,000 per annum is provided in three installments to small and marginal farmer families having combined land holding or ownership of upto 2 hectares. The states and the UTs will identify the farmers who are eligible for drawing the benefits

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMIDST the ongoing agrarian protest, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually address farmers from six states on Friday and release the next batch of financial aid ₹18,000 crore from the PM-Kisan scheme.

The PM's session with farmers is a part of the government's efforts to reach out to the farmers who are on protest for nearly a month against the three central agriculture laws. Modi had released the first tranche in 2019 whose beneficiaries were thousands of farmers, largely selected from Punjab.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that over two crores farmers have registered to attend the online programme on Wednesday. The Centre commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on December 25 as "Good Governance Day".

Nine crore beneficiaries of the PM Kisan Nidhi scheme will get the next instalment on Friday, Tomar added. "The Prime Minister will release the next instalment of financial benefit under PM-Kisan via video conferencing. With the push of a button, the PM will enable the transfer of more than ₹18,000 crore to more than nine crore beneficiary farmer families," the government said in a media statement. "The Prime Minister will also have a conversation with farmers from six different states during the event."

During the meeting, it stated, farmers will share their experiences regarding the scheme as well as various other initiatives taken by the Centre.

Recently, Modi had addressed farmers of Madhya Pradesh when the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government disbursed compensations for the crop loss due to hailstorms. The Prime Minister had said that he would speak to them again on December 25 in detail. In the face of the agitation against the farm laws, the government is seen working overtime to garner support of the legislation even while Tomar has said that the government is open for talks with the agitating farmers.

(Clockwise from top) Farmers line up to have tea at Ghazipur; TMC MPs meet farmers at Singhu; tents put up on a blocked highway at Ghazipur for agitators to rest | SHEKHAR YADAV & PARVEEN NEGI

Kisan Mall comes up for protesters at Tikri border

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chandigarh/New Delhi

WITH the protest sites at Delhi borders turning into mini townships, a 'Kisan Mall' has come up at Tekri to cater to the daily needs of the farmers.

Set up by the NGO Khalsa Aid, the essential items being provided free of cost to the farmers at the mall include toothbrush, toothpaste, oil, soap, shampoo, slippers, socks, sanitary pads, thermals, sweaters, jackets, vests, blankets and so on.

The NGO's volunteers distribute coupons at each and every tractor-trolley. A protester has to bring the coupon to the makeshift Kisan Mall. There, he/she is given a form containing a list of 27 items and has to tick the item(s) required. A volunteer guides the buyer to the section where he/she can get the item.

"We decided to set up the mall as the farmers were not getting the right kind of items even though there was a lot of wastage. Also, many farmers did not like to stand or wait to get relief material. Women were having difficulties getting the items of their choice. We have just segregated the items which we are getting in donations so that the person who wants it can get it easily," Khalsa Aid director (Asia-Pacific), Amanpreet Singh, told this newspaper. "The items that we do not get in donations are procured. We have distributed around 500 coupons to start with. As of now, there are 27 items with us at the mall for free distribution."

Singh admitted that more relief materials were coming at Singhu border as compared to Tikri. The NGO had earlier installed foot massagers at the Singhu border.

Rice company leaves MP paddy farmers in a lurch

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

WHILE the farmers at Delhi borders have refused to budge from their demand of repealing the agri laws, about 900 km away, dozens of paddy farmers in BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh's Hoshangabad have been left in a lurch by a rice company, for which they've been contract farming for last four years.

Pyramids of harvested paddy outside the houses and stackyards of the paddy farmers in Gadhaghat and other villages reveal their misery. The Delhi-NCR based company allegedly went back on its promise of buying their produce at prevailing market price on the pretext that harvested samples contained the hazardous chemical Hexa.

This is the same rice company that had reneged on its contract clause of buying the produce of paddy farmers at the prevailing market price plus ₹50 bonus in Bhaukhandi village.

It was after the local administration acted against the company under the new contract farming law that it procured paddy from 12 farmers.

Top BJP leaders have been citing this instance at BJP's Kisan Chaupals to tomtom the benefits of the new farm laws.

Now, the farmers in other villages are repenting contract farming for the company.

"Just like the previous three years, we sourced seeds and fertilizers from the same local traders who've worked as intermediaries between us and the company. But this year, they are saying the paddy has heavy traces of Hexa," Ram Shankar and Patiram Patel told this newspaper.

Rattled Anil Sharma and Mithilesh Chowdhary said they would henceforth sell their produce at the mandis.

Nitin Taale, the sub-divisional magistrate who had acted against the company in the case of Bhaukhandi farmers, said, "The administration will act as per the new law once the farmers concerned come to us."

Case against farmers who blocked Khattar's convoy

Thirteen farmers, who had waved black flags and tried to stop the convoy of the Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday, were booked on charges including attempt to murder, rioting, obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions, criminal intimidation among others. Police claimed some farmers had tried to charge towards the convoy and blocked its movement for some time.

Jailed activists on hunger strike in solidarity

Various activists arrested in the Elgar Parishad case observed a day-long hunger strike on Wednesday at Taloja jail in Maharashtra in support of farmers. The activists, in a joint statement on the occasion of the National Farmers' Day, said they are observing a day-long symbolic hunger strike in the jail since they cannot participate physically in the ongoing farmers' agitation.

Petitioner seeks to implead over 40 agri unions

One of the petitioners, who has approached the apex court seeking the removal of farmers from borders of Delhi, has sought to implead over 40 farmer unions as party in the case. A bench headed by CJI S A Bobde had given liberty to the petitioner to serve the impleaded farmer unions. Law student Rishabh Sharma, the petitioner, has now filed an amended memo of parties in the top court.

Fund boost to scholarship scheme for SC students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday approved ₹59,000 crore in an enhanced outlay for a scholarship scheme meant for funding education of students from scheduled castes.

Union Minister for Social Justice Thawerchand Gehlot said that the enhanced outlay for the Post Metric Scholarship scheme will benefit more than four crore students in the next five years.

While the Centre will bear 60 per cent of the total cost of the scheme, the rest will be shared by the state governments. Under the scheme, the SC students get the scholarships to pursue higher education after their matriculation examinations, with the government bearing the full cost of education.

"The Central government is committed to give a big push and further impetus to ensure enrolment ratio of SCs reach up to the national standards within five year period," said the government in a media statement, adding that the focus would be on enrolling the poorest students, timely payments, comprehensive accountability, continuous monitoring and total transparency.

Aiming to bring over 1.36 crore students not pursuing higher education after the class 10, the government said that it would launch a campaign to enroll such students under the Centrally sponsored scheme.

"The scheme will be run on an online platform with robust cyber security measures that would assure transparency, accountability, efficiency, and timely delivery of the assistance without any delays.," said the government. "The States will undertake fool-proof verification of the eligibility, caste status, Aadhaar identification and bank account details on the online portal."

Also, a campaign would be launched to enroll the students from the poorest households passing the 10th standard in courses of their choice.

Antibodies generated by Covaxin may persist for 6-12 months: Report

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

INDIA'S homegrown potential Covid vaccine Covaxin has shown dual immune response, raising hopes for immunity against coronavirus lasting up to one year, according to the results of phase 1 and 2 clinical trials made public on Wednesday.

The Bharat Biotech company, which has developed the vaccine in collaboration with the ICMR, has already sought emergency use approval from the Drug Controller General of India based on the data but has been asked to submit additional data on safety and immunogenicity. The vaccine, as of now, is under Phase 3 trial and the company has planned to test it in 26,000 individuals aged 12-65 years.

As per the scientific paper released on BioRxiv, a preprint server of medical studies, in a double-blind, randomised, multi-centre, Phase 2 clinical trial, a total of 380 healthy children and adults were randomised to receive two vaccine

formulations and two intramuscular doses of vaccines were administered four weeks apart.

In a follow-up of the Phase 1 trial, Covaxin produced high levels of neutralising antibodies that remained elevated in all participants three months after the second vaccination.

Based on these results, researchers said that the vaccine can generate antibodies that may persist for 6-12 months.

When approached for his comments on the study, immunologist Seyed Hasnain said the vaccine candidate generated both antibodies and T-cell response. "The study design is very good and results are extremely encouraging," he said. "I particularly liked the fact that it has already been tested in children. But phase 3 study will give a clearer picture."

As per the research paper, higher neutralising titres of up to two-fold was observed in the Phase 2 study as compared to Phase 1 study.

After two doses, local and systemic adverse reactions observed in both vaccine groups were minimal, and the majority of them resolved within 24 hours of onset. No serious adverse events were reported.

"The results from the phase 2 study show that both humoral and cell-mediated responses were observed," Bharat Biotech said in a statement.

"No neutralising antibody differences were observed between sexes and across age groups. BBV152 (Covaxin) was well tolerated in both dose groups with no serious adverse events."

EXPRESS READ

India, Spain foreign ministers discuss ties

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a virtual meeting with his Spanish counterpart Arancha Gonzalez Laya on Wednesday. Both the leaders undertook a review of bilateral ties including the extensive cooperation between the two countries during Covid pandemic and the possibilities of cooperation. The two ministers appreciated the upward trajectory in the bilateral ties witnessed in the recent years and agreed to maintain the momentum.

Health secy reviews status of air travellers

New Delhi: Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Wednesday reviewed the status of travellers coming from the UK who were found Covid positive before the temporary flight bans came into effect from December 23. The states for which the review was carried out included Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Goa, Punjab, Gujarat and Kerala. In Delhi alone, six such passengers tested positive and around 50 advised to be in institutional quarantine.

LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Army chief General MM Naravane (second from left) undertakes a first-hand assessment of military preparedness during his visit to high-altitude forward areas in eastern Ladakh along the LAC on Wednesday | ADG PI - INDIAN ARMY

'Third aircraft carrier is essential for India given China's activities'

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

A third aircraft carrier is a necessity for India due to operational and tactical reasons, especially in the context of China's growing imprint on the Indian Ocean, said a senior Navy officer.

"Three aircraft carriers are tactically needed with one each on the Eastern and Western sea board at any given time while the third will be under refit," the officer said. "To deny it just for financial crunch is misplaced understanding. We require a third aircraft carrier for operational and tactical reasons."

India currently has one serving aircraft carrier, INS Vikramaditya, while another indigenously built INS Vikrant is scheduled to be commissioned by 2022. Earlier this month in Kolkata, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, had said that submarines and aircraft carriers "have their advantages and disadvantages."

The officer said the Navy cannot lose a skill mastered in the last 60 years as it takes time to develop the skill-set in terms of operational design and development. An aircraft carrier, the officer asserted, adds to the "surge capability" as the fighter jets operating from land will always have their limitations.

Given the Chinese belligerence in the Indian Ocean, the officer said the country will have to extend air power into far-off areas like the Malacca Strait on one side and Gulf of Aden on the other. "Concentration of force is a principle of war. If you have two operationally ready carriers, you can be active in two areas. If needed, you can move it, bringing a different environment to the battle."

JUNIOR DOCS' STRIKE

PATNA: Health care services in Bihar's nine medical colleges and hospitals were hit after over a thousand junior doctors went on indefinite strike from Wednesday seeking an immediate hike in their monthly stipend

35% DEHRADUN'S SHARE OF COVID CASES IN UTTARAKHAND

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	12	Mumbai	31	20
Bhopal	27	10	Panaji	31	21
Jaipur	24	11	Patna	21	9
Amritsar	19	4	Lucknow	23	8
Chennai	29	22	Port Blair	29	24
Kolkata	24	13	Imphal	22	8
Srinagar	9	-2	Chandigarh	22	7

Mamata Banerjee dancing with a tribal woman during the inauguration of the Bangla Sangeet Mela in Kolkata on Wednesday | PTI

NEW VERSUS OLD DISCONTENT BREWS IN BENGAL BJP

EXPRES NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

INTRAPARTY discontent over new Trinamool Congress turncoats is brewing in the BJP as the party's old foot soldiers are getting impatient about having to work with those who were once their arch rivals.

Clashes between old party workers and newcomers have taken place in West Midnapore and Durgapur and posters against new defectors are seen at many places.

A brawl took place in Durgapur at a venue on Tuesday where TMC supporters were due to join the BJP in the presence of state party chief Dilip Ghosh. The two sides attacked each other with plastic chairs. In Narayangarh too, similar clashes took place. The discontent sharpened after former TMC strongman Suvendu Adhikari joined the saffron camp along with six MLAs of the ruling party and their followers in the presence of Shah on December 19 in Midnapore.

"A week ago, we fought with the same TMC leaders and their followers. Our party grew strong with the support of those who were harassed by the ruling party. Now, I find the same TMC workers carrying BJP flags hurling bombs at my house. How can we share party offices with our tormentors?" asked a BJP local leader in Durgapur. Ghosh said the BJP's only goal is to throw out TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee's government. "In other states, our party accepted defectors from other parties and won elections. Similar practice is followed in Bengal. Expressing discontent publicly is not acceptable," he said.

On Wednesday, the party show-caused women's wing president Agnimitra Paul and two functionaries of Alipurduar district in north Bengal for issuing statements against two new entrants from the TMC. Paul is opposed to the possibility of TMC MLA Jitendra Tiwari's induction in the party. Union minister Babul Supriyo and BJP general secretary Sayantan Basu are also opposed to Tiwari's entry. BJP's state vice president Pratap Bandopadhyay served Basu a show-cause letter. BJP sources said the party leadership will speak to Supriyo soon.

Plea in SC over killings

New Delhi: A PIL has been filed in Supreme Court on Wednesday seeking a direction to the West Bengal government to provide protection to opposition leaders to ensure a free and fair Assembly election in 2021. The plea sought a status report regarding the investigation into the killing of more than 300 activists and leaders of the BJP after the TMC government came to power. The PIL alleged that in last few years, there have been incidents of systematic killings of political leaders especially belonging to BJP

After hosting Shah, folk singer to join Didi's show

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

POLITICAL slugfest between the BJP and the Trinamool Congress broke out over engaging Basudeb Das, the folk singer at whose house Amit Shah had lunch in Bolpur, four days after the Shah left Bengal.

When BJP's national general secretary Anupam Hazra said in a social media post that the plight of the poor folk singer didn't come to the mind of the TMC in past 10 years, the ruling party assured Das of helping him to continue his daughter's education and invited him to present in chief minister Mamata Banerjee's roadshow on December 29 along the same stretch where the saffron camp organised a similar event with Shah on a flower-decked vehicle.

Sources in the TMC said Das gave his nod to participate in Mamata's roadshow. Ghosh also met TMC's Birbhum district president Anubrata Mondal on Tuesday. Das said no TMC leader forced him to go to Mondal. "I met the TMC's district president to seek his help for my daughter's education. He assured me. When the party invited me to be present in the chief minister's roadshow, I gave my nod. A folk singer never discriminates anyone by his or her political identity," he said.

Recounting the event of Shah's lunch, Das said, "I sang a folk song for him. He was in a hurry. I could not get chance to narrate my plight before him."

'BJP will win 20 Valley seats in Assembly poll'

BJP national spokesman **Shahnawaz Hussain**, *who was in-charge of District Development Council (DDC) polls in Kashmir, told* **Fayaz Wani** *in an interview that he was happy that the Lotus has finally bloomed in the Valley and expressed hope that the party will be able to form government in J&K after assembly elections. Excerpts from the interview...*

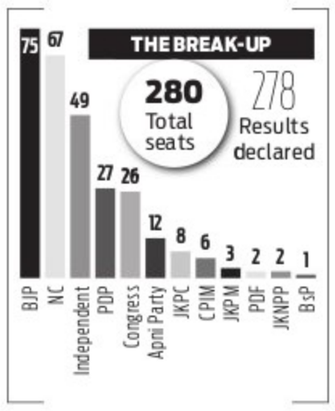
How important is BJP getting three seats in Kashmir?
Our mission was to get the Lotus bloom in Kashmir Valley and it has finally bloomed. We won three seats, though we expected more. We worked very hard on the ground, reached out to the people and listened to their problems and grievances. We even went to the areas where Abdullahs and Muftis had never gone.

Are you satisfied with the poll results?
Democracy has been the ultimate winner in the DDC polls. For us, it does not matter how many seats the party got. What matters is that democracy has won and I salute the J&K people for that. The polling percentage was better compared to previous elections. People came out to vote for development.

The PAGD has emerged as the single largest group. How does the BJP see it?
The BJP emerged as the single largest party and got more votes than those polled by the Gupkar Gang and Congress. The Gupkar Gang was formed by these parties because they were scared of the BJP. Had they not contested as an alliance, they would have been routed. The Congress, the master party of this gang, has suffered another big defeat.

We also managed to breach the strong fort of 'Gupkar Gang' in Kashmir by winning three seats. They had ganged up to not let the BJP enter this fort, but we have managed to breach it and make the Lotus bloom.

How do you see the decline in BJP's seat share in Jammu compared to 2014 assembly polls?
These were DDC polls and cannot be compared with assembly and Lok Sabha elections, where issues and priorities are different.



Was the BJP happy with the voter turnout?
It was for the first time since Rajiv Gandhi damaged democracy in J&K by rigging 1987 polls that people came out and voted. There was enthusiasm among the voters and people came out to vote in south, central and north Kashmir. I thank the people for voting in large numbers and standing in long queues in the chilling cold to show their faith in democracy. The polls were held in a free, fair and peaceful atmosphere.

The Gupkar Alliance alleged they were not given a level-playing field?
The Gupkar Gang leaders did not campaign because of BJP's fear. They should accept the results and not make false claims.

The alliance says it was a vote against Article 370. What's your view?
This is a total lie. This vote was neither for Article 370 nor 35A. It was a vote for DDC...for development. Many independents who contested against the Gupkar Gang have also won.

When will the assembly elections be held?
It will be held after delimitation. We hope that the support and love we've got from people in Kashmir, we will be able to win 20 seats in the Valley and form our own government.

Will the BJP approach independent candidates to form DDC in Srinagar, where only three PAGD candidates have won?
It is too premature to say anything. The party will decide.

Mehbooba targets Centre as NIA raids aide's house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srinagar

A day after the Gupkar Alliance emerged as the single largest group by winning 111 seats out of the 280 DDC seats in Jammu and Kashmir, the Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday raided the residence of PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's close aide and former MLA Anjum Fazili in Srinagar. Sources said the NIA took some documents with them after the raid. After the raid, Mehbooba dared the Centre to fight her politically while Farooq Abdullah said that the Centre wants to scare them, his son Omar Abdullah said the BJP, after facing defeating in DDC polls, won't conduct the Assembly elections in J&K at the earliest.

"Let them fight me politically. Don't target my friends, my family and my colleagues. If they want to arrest me... then they should arrest me," she said and accused the Central government of misusing agencies, including NIA and ED.

The PDP chief said through Waheed, who was arrested by NIA in a militancy case, they tried to connect me with terror funding. "They are coward".

"May be it will be my last press conference. I don't know when they will arrest me. They have arrested our leaders. They don't tell us why they have detained our leaders," Mehbooba said.

NC president and three-time former J&K Chief minister Farooq Abdullah said they (GoI) wants to scare them. "But they don't know Farooq Abdullah, who is the son of Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, only bows before Allah." Omar Abdullah said people have voted for restoration of Article 370 and 35A and the Centre and BJP should accept that people have rejected August 5, 2019 decisions.

Omar said it is amusing to see desperation of 'BJP propaganda wallas'. "Yesterday they were talking about winning three seats in Valley and today it's about being the single largest party."

INDEPENDENTS ARE HOT PROPERTY IN SRINAGAR

Srinagar: With independents winning a majority of seats in Srinagar District Development Council (DDC), political parties are trying to woo the independents to get control of the prestigious and important DDC. Of the 14 DDC seats in Srinagar, independents won seven seats, J&K Apni Party three, while NC, PDP, JKPM and BJP won one seat each. Srinagar is a prestigious and important DDC as it houses the seat of governance (Civil Secretariat) during the summer months when Srinagar is the capital of J&K. Srinagar has remained the dominant base of both National Conference and PDP.

Two die, 16 take ill after ammonia gas leak at plant

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a major ammonia gas leak accident, two persons died and 16, including three labourers, were affected at the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited's (IFFCO) Phulpur unit in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj late on Tuesday night.

All 16 persons affected due to ammonia inhalation were hospitalized. While six of them were referred to Parayagraj, remaining 10 were getting treatment at the IFFCO township hospital in Phulpur. Two persons were discharged and rest 14 were said to be stable.

The two dead employees were have been identified as Assistant Manager VP Singh and Deputy Manager Abhyanandan Kumar. The sources claimed that the number of employees admitted to hospitals may go further up. Initial reports suggested that the work was underway in two units of ammonia and urea in IFFCO on Tuesday night. Around 11.30 pm, staff sensed an ammonia gas leak in the urea production unit. This led to panic wherein the staff on duty began running outside. A technical probe committee has been set up by IFFCOto find out the cause of gas leakage.

SANT CLAUS

Devotees dressed as Santa Claus performing arti after taking a holy dip in the Ganges at Prayagraj on Wednesday | PTI

Marathas brought under EWS quota

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN a move apparently aimed at circumventing the Supreme Court stay on Maratha quota, the Maharashtra cabinet on Wednesday decided to allow the community to get the benefits of the Centre's economically weaker section (EWS) category. This means the Marathas can get reservation in education and jobs in the state under the 10 per cent EWS quota.

The community has already been categorised as economically and socially backward class (SEBC) and the State government had earlier offered reservation to the community under this category. However, the SC had stayed the order, citing the 50 per cent reservation cap, in September.

Government sources said the cabinet decision came after NCP chief Sharad Pawar's intervention. The Marathas have been threatening to launch a statewide protest over the issue. Pawar is learnt to have told Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to solve the issue in a manner acceptable to both the government and the Maratha community.

"Pawar consulted various legal and constitutional experts before the cabinet decision. He has played a major role in solving the Maratha quota issue," said a source.

As per the cabinet decision, it will be voluntary to avail the quota benefit under the EWS category. However, those opting for EWS certificates will not be eligible to avail the reservation benefit under SEBC category. While issuing EWS certificates, the state government will check the income of the candidates, said the cabinet note.

The State had challenged the apex court stay on implementation of the Maratha quota. The next hearing in the matter before a constitution bench is slated for January 25.

EXPRESS READ

Maha allows tourism activities with riders

Mumbai: The Maharashtra government issued a notification on Wednesday, allowing water sports, entertainment, and amusements parks to function. Tourist activities like boating, amusement park, and entertainment activities will be permitted in the non-containment zones across the state. However, the night curfew will continue under the municipal limits till January 5. The state government also issued the Standard Operating Procedure for the celebrations of Christmas. As per notifications, only 50 people will attend the prayer in churches; while attending the mass, the use of the mask is mandatory.

Bihar gives access to Bodhgaya Temple

Patna: After a protracted lockdown, Buddhist pilgrims can now visit and offer prayer in the sanctum-sanctorum of the Mahabodhi temple in Bihar's Bodhgaya throughout the day. Officials said that the devotees will be allowed to visit the sanctum sanctorum from 5 am to 9 am daily as it was before. However, devotees cannot stop inside the sanctum sanctorum. After the circumambulation, they will be sent to the open ground on the temple premises. During this time, all religious rituals associated with Buddhism, including taking a round around the holy Bodhivriksha, will be conducted as per the Covid-19 guidelines.

Soren to mark anniversary with slew of schemes

Hemant Soren government will launch over 20 schemes, including a universal pension scheme, and a couple of employment generation programmes, to mark its first anniversary. Sources in the State government claimed that Chief Minister Hemant Soren will launch Mukya Mantri Pasudhan Yojana — aimed at increasing the income of farmers — besides the Jharkhand Sports Policy, 2020, and the Jharkhand State Tourism Policy, 2020, on December 29. Soren has already announced that more than 15,000 jobs will be provided to the youth by March.

RANCHI DIARY

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Book exploring identity, religion of tribals launched

A book — Religion, Conversion and Identity: A Sociological Study of the Uraoñs of Chotanagpur — authored by Dr Joseph Marianus Kujur, Director, Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, was launched here on Saturday. According to Dr Kujur, the main concerns of the book are identity and religion, which jointly is the single most powerful force in human history. He traces the legislative history pertaining to conversion laws during the colonial times. The 327-page book, comprising eight chapters, has been published by Primus Books, Delhi, and is priced at ₹1,295. The book focuses on different aspects of the complexities in the the triangular relationship among the tribal Christians, the tribal Sarnas, and others. The book is available on Amazon as well.

Boost to tourism with night safari at Dalma

Tourists visiting the Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary would soon be able to enjoy night safari at Jharkhand's best elephant habitat. Forest officials say tourists will be able to travel in vehicles or walk down a stretch segregating them from the wildlife with solar-powered fences, with forest guides and guards accompanying them on the safari. Visitors can watch the wild animals move around in their natural habitat. The idea to promote 'night tourism' aims to give a push to the tourism industry in the State. Dalma is spread over 193 square kilometers. It houses 85 villages inside the enclave.

IIM marks 12th foundation day at new campus

The Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi, celebrated its 12th Foundation Day on Tuesday at its soon-to-be-new campus at HEC Area, Ranchi, in an event which combined both online and offline modes of participation. In his speech, Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha Harivansh Narayan Singh, who was the chief guest, disclosed his strong connection with Ranchi, as it is his home city. He expressed his happiness that IIM-R was established in the State and that it is finally expected to move to the permanent campus soon.

$169 million
is how much US aid Baltic countries are to receive in 2021

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	5	-5	SNY	Los Angeles	18	8	SNY
Colombo	31	23	TDS	Melbourne	26	15	TDS
Dhaka	27	14	SNY	Moscow	2	0	LC
Dubai	26	16	SNY	New York	16	14	LC
Houston	15	7	SNY	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	12	8	LC	Toronto	-1	-5	LC
London	5	1	LC	Washington	16	2	LC

Trump hints he won't approve stimulus bill, calls it a disgrace

$600 cheques for individuals 'ridiculously low', he wants Congress to raise it to $2,000

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday indicated that he would reject a $900 billion bipartisan Covid stimulus package, calling it "a disgrace" and demanding that lawmakers more than triple relief payments to Americans.

While the president did not explicitly say he would not sign the bill, which passed overwhelmingly Monday in both houses of Congress, Trump made clear he would not accept the legislation.

"It really is a disgrace," Trump said in a video message posted to Twitter on Tuesday.

"I am asking Congress to amend this bill and increase the ridiculously low $600 to $2,000, or $4,000 for a couple," he said, referring to relief cheques meant to go out to most Americans.

"I'm also asking Congress to immediately get rid of the wasteful and unnecessary items from this legislation, and just send me a suitable bill."

As the Covid-19 death count rises amid a massive coronavirus resurgence that further threatens the world's largest economy, Republican and Democratic legislators finally hammered out a bill after months of wrangling and partisan finger-pointing.

Any delay in approving a deal would have dire consequences — it is meant to spare millions of jobless workers days away from seeing their unemployment benefits expire, and provide a new round of cash payouts.

Donald Trump

Small businesses will benefit from more government grants, while the package also includes rental assistance and help to families facing eviction.

The massive package is part of a $2.3 trillion, almost 5,600-page "coronabus" bill that includes a so-called omnibus bill to fund the government for the coming year. Despite Trump's bombshell, Wall Street stocks were mostly higher early on Wednesday. Investors looked past the risk the bill could die and instead focused on the possibility of a richer stimulus.

The market "was happy with the agreed-upon deal," said Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare. "If the direct stimulus payment was ultimately increased to $2,000, it would simply make the market happier (relatively speaking.)"

DON'S PARDON SPREE

In the waning weeks of his presidency, Donald Trump has issued a slew of pardons and commutations. A look at his most favoured felons

DUNCAN HUNTER

He served as a Republican Congressman representing California's 50th Congressional district between 2013 and 2020. In March, he was sentenced to 11 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to stealing about $1,50,000 from his campaign funds to pay for a lavish lifestyle

VAN DER ZWAAN

A Dutch lawyer who was fired from a prominent international law firm and admitted he lied to federal investigators about his interactions with former Trump campaign aide Rick Gates, who was also charged in Mueller's investigation

CHRIS COLLINS

A Republican from New York, he was sentenced to serve two months in federal prison after he admitted to helping his son and others dodge $800,000 in stock market losses when he learned that a drug trial by a small pharmaceutical company had failed

GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS

Papadopoulos was the first Trump aide to plead guilty as part of Mueller's investigation. He was a foreign policy adviser to Trump's campaign and admitted lying about a 2016 conversation with a Maltese professor who told him that Russia had "dirt" on Hillary Clinton in the form of stolen emails

DUSTIN HEARD, EVAN LIBERTY, NICHOLAS SLATTEN AND PAUL SLOUGH

Full pardons were granted to four Blackwater security guards convicted over the 2007 killing of Iraqis. They were convicted of opening fire in Baghdad's crowded Nisur Square on September 16, 2007 in a bloody episode that killed 17 Afghan civilians and caused an international scandal and heightened resentment of the American presence

WELDON ANGELOS

Angelos was 24 years old when he was sentenced in 2004 to 55 years in prison for bringing guns to marijuana deals, a sentence a federal judge was forced to impose because of mandatory minimum sentencing laws

CRYSTAL MUNOZ

She had served 12 years of a 20-year prison sentence on a drug conspiracy charge after being convicted for her role in a marijuana smuggling ring. The president commuted the remainder of Crystal Munoz's sentence after granting her clemency in October

STEVE STOCKMAN

The former Texas Congressman was convicted of conspiring to bilk at least $7,75,000 from conservative foundations that intended the donations for charities and voter education

PHILIP ESFORMES

The wealthy Miami Beach businessman operated a network of nursing homes and assisted living facilities in South Florida and was found guilty of paying kickbacks and bribes to doctors and administrators so they would refer patients to his businesses

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

China seeks additional guarantees before approving mega loan

China has sought additional guarantees before sanctioning a whopping $6-billion loan for a railway line project in Pakistan due to weakening financial position of its all weather ally, a media report said on Wednesday. China has also proposed a mix of commercial and concessional loans to fund the Main Line-1 (ML-1) project in Pakistan, going against Islamabad's wishes of 'cheapest lending'. A senior Pakistani official involved in the negotiations said China raised the additional guarantees issue during the meeting, but did not make it part of the draft of minutes shared with Pakistan. The official said that China raised the additional guarantees issue to get a clarity over Pakistan's financial condition after Islamabad applied for debt relief from the Group of 20 countries

SRI LANKA

Parking and landing fees waived for intl flights

Sri Lanka on Tuesday decided to waive off parking and landing costs for international flights when the country opens up its skies later this month after being shut down for over eight months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Cabinet approved a proposal by the tourism minister to waive off landing and parking fees for all international airlines operating to the Colombo international airport and the Mahinda Rajapaksa international airport at Mattala in the southern district of Hambantota, according to a statement. The country has recorded over 37,000 Covid-19 cases with 181 deaths.

THAILAND

Surge in Covid cases after months of calm

After managing against the odds to keep the coronavirus largely in check for most of the year, Thailand has suddenly found itself challenged by an expanding outbreak among migrant workers on the doorstep of Bangkok, the capital. The surge of cases in Samut Sakhon province threatens to undo months of efforts to contain the virus and hasten recovery of Thailand's ailing economy. Cases related to the outbreak have already been reported in more than a dozen other provinces, including Bangkok. Officials in the capital ordered existing safety measures, such as social distancing, mask wearing and checking for fevers, to be more strictly observed at markets, temples, parks and entertainment venues. Schools have also been ordered to close.

Nepal drama reaches top court

KATHMANDU

NEPAL'S Supreme Court on Wednesday forwarded all writ petitions challenging Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's move to abruptly dissolve the Parliament to a Constitutional bench, amid intensified struggle between the two warring factions of the Nepal Communist Party to wrest control of the ruling party.

Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher Rana's single bench passed the order after a preliminary hearing on the 12 different writ petitions filed against the dissolution of the House of Representatives, according to court sources.

The Constitutional bench will start the hearing on Friday. The bench is led by Chief Justice Rana and will have four other justices who will be picked by him. During the preliminary hearings on Wednesday, senior lawyers citing Constitutional provisions argued that Prime Minister Oli has no right to dissolve the House of Representatives so long as there is a possibility of forming an alternative government. It was a coup against the Constitution itself, said senior advocate Dinesh Tripathi, one of the petitioners.

K P Oli Sharma

As per the Constitution, if the majority government is dissolved, there is a provision to form an alternative government by two or more political parties and a minority government could also be formed before going to the people for fresh mandate, he pointed out. PM Oli cannot block the process of forming an alternative government by suddenly dissolving the House of Representatives, he said. Although the petitioners demanded an interim order against the prime minister's decision, the apex court refused to issue any such order.

'Prachanda' elected new parliamentary leader

Meanwhile, executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'-led faction of the ruling party on Wednesday elected him as the new parliamentary leader, replacing Oli.

The 66-year-old leader's nomination was proposed by senior leader Madhav Kumar Nepal, who was on Tuesday named as one of the two chairmen of the party. *PTI*

$10mn for gender programmes in Pakistan embedded in text

WASHINGTON

REPUBLICAN criticism was swift after it came to light that the $900 billion Covid-19 stimulus package agreed by US lawmakers has $10 million earmarked for programmes that promote gender equality in Pakistan.

The legislation makes available a minimum of $15 million in assistance to Pakistan "for democracy programs" and $10 million "for gender programs."

Appearing on *Fox News*, Republican Senator Graham justified the move."Pakistan is a place I really worry about. If you're a young girl in Pakistan life is pretty tough. So we're trying to make life better for women throughout the world," he said.

Latino Miguel Cardona to be Joe Biden's education secy

WASHINGTON

US President-elect Joe Biden on Tuesday nominated Miguel Cardona to be his education secretary, marking a new record for the potential number of Latinos in the cabinet. "In Miguel Cardona, America will have an experienced and dedicated public school teacher leading the way," Biden said.

The incoming president said Cardona's appointment "will help us address systemic inequities" and "tackle the mental health crisis in our education system," as well as ease student debt and give teachers a raise.

Biden, who takes office on January 20, has already tapped Alejandro Mayorkas as head of the Department of Homeland Security and Xavier Becerra as health secretary. The League of United Latin American Citizens welcomed the nomination and congratulated Biden "The choice of Miguel A Cardona as Secretary of Education signals that now we have the possibility, if he is confirmed,," the organisation said. *AFP*

FARM STIR IN PERU

Farm workers protest demanding a new law that would guarantee them higher income in Peru's Ica on Wednesday | AFP

'US politicos fell for Chinese honeytrap'

WASHINGTON

IN yet another example of China's global influence operations, a Chinese intelligence official posing as a political fundraiser built a strong relationship with top US politicos between 2011 and 15, an investigation by *Axios* has found.

The women, identified as Christian Fang, used every trick in the book, including forging romantic relationships to gain proximity to political power, current and former intelligence officials have told *Axios*.

She collected personal information, such as habits and schedules of her victims. However, US officials do not believe she received or passed on any classified information.

According to a senior intelligence official, "It was a big deal because there were some really, really sensitive people that were caught up in the intelligence network."

Among those who fell for her honeytrap are a Democratic US Congressman and mayors of two Midwestern cities.

The woman, in her late 20s, was enrolled at a California university. According to sources, she used political gatherings, civic society conferences and campaign rallies to establish contacts with elected officials.

EXPRESS READ

Parts of UK could face even tighter restrictions

London: More parts of the UK could be placed under the strictest level of lockdown as ministers hold talks on Wednesday after the country registered 36,804 positive coronavirus cases. UK Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick said the new mutation is behind the spike, but it remains 'very concentrated' in London and the south-east of England.

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No.SSA/Spl.Trang/Procurement/04/333/2020/3560 Date: 22.12.2020
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed manufacturer of furniture for supply of desk and bench. To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on–line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

JANASANYOG No. CF/3490/20

Sd/-Executive Director, SSA,Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Mother Dairy, a unit of KMF Bangalore is inviting E-Tenders for Supply of following items to Mother Dairy.

A. IFT.NO.MD/PUR/ E-ProcT-166/2020-21 Date: 11-12-2020

I.Supply on One Time Basis:1) Personal Computers (on buy back policy)-30 Nos

The manufacturers, dealers or interested eligible tenderers are requested to participate on-line only. For further details, Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **21-12-2020** and submitted on or before **04-01-2021 upto 17.00 hrs.**

Sd/- Director
Mother Dairy

Union Bank of India
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Asset Recovery Branch,
No.1/1, Ground Floor, Jeevan Sampige, 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas…The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of Asset Recovery Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **06.05.2019** calling upon the Borrower **Sri. N.B. Rajeev, Proprietor of M/s. Yashas Electricals** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.1,58,95,431.36** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred thirty One and Paise Thirty Six Only) and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **21st Day of December 2020.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India,** R T Nagar Branch for an amount of **Rs.1,58,95,431.36** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred thirty One and Paise Thirty Six Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

All that part and parcel of Property bearing No.4136, carved in Sy. No. 16, 17, 18 of Gerehalli Village and Re Sy.No. 101, 103/1, 103/2, 104/1, 104/2 and 106 situated at Hosakerehalli Village VHBCS, Girinagar IV Phase, BSK III Stage, Bangalore, BBMP Old Ward No. 54, New Ward No.162, Bangalore Measuring East to West: (39.6+40.3)/2 Feet and North to South: (51.6+51)/2 Feet in all measuring 2049.43 Sq. Feet and bounded on the East by: Site No. 4135, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 4137 and South by: Road.

Date: 21.12.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

E-TENDER NOTICE

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (No/Sets)	EMD(₹)
1.	17201521/15.01.2021	Set of FRP Modular Toilet for LHB SLR with Divyangjan Passenger Compartment Coaches	36 Set	152410/-
2.	12201316/18.01.2021 (390 Litres). 2). Water Tank Assembly L.H. (390 Litres). 3). Water Tank Assembly R.H. (390 Litres)	1) Water Tank Assembly L.H.	1) 432 Nos 2) 167 Nos. 3) 390 Nos.	NIL
3.	13206280/15.01.2021	1) Control Unit for Digital Torque System, MECH/M&P/3500/GM/14. PL NO. N7279611. 2) Digital, sealed ratcheting head type 1/4" Square drive, Torque Wrench, MECH/M&P/3500/GM/17. PL NO. N7205409. 3) Digital, Sealed ratcheting head type 3/4" square drive, Torque Wrench, Mech/M&P/3500/ GM/16. PL NO. N7205410. 4) Digital, sealed ratcheting head type 1/2" square drive, Torque Wrench, MECH/M&P/3500/GM/15. PL NO. N7205411.	1) 01 Nos 2) 02 Nos, 3) 02 Nos, 4) 02 Nos.	NIL
4.	05201492/15.01.2021	Emergency Brake Pull Box	3783 Nos.	445680/-
5.	07201390/18.01.2021 1620. 2) Composite Pipe (PE-AL-PE) Size 3240	1) Composite Pipe (PE-AL-PE) size	1) 10400 mtr 2) 4000 mtr	NIL

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in** 2. All Limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs. 3. Tenders at Sr. No. 1 to 3 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Sr. No. 4 & 5 will be opened at RCF, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. 4. For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. **NOTE:** "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them".

Corrigendum : Tender No. 17201494 for procurement of Set of Seats and Berths with PU Foam for LHB SCN & LWACCN Coaches **Due date may be read as 01.01.2021** instead of 23.12.2020.
All other Terms & Conditions of the tenders will remain Un-changed.

Notice No. G-122-01/Store/102/2020-21 Dated 23.12.2020 PCMM

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
TECHNICAL EDUCATION CIRCLE, CHENNAI - 600 025

TENDER FORM: LUMPSUM CONTRACT - TWO COVER SYSTEM - ITEM WISE RATE - TENDER NOTICE No. 20 CE/TEC/2020-2021 Dated: 22.12.2020

For and on behalf of The Governor of Tamilnadu, Two cover system sealed Tenders viz., Pre Qualification Bid and Financial Bid in separate covers both inserted in single cover will be received upto 3.00pm on 29.01.2021 from the TNPWD Registered Contractors by the Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education Circle, Chennai -25, for the following works and Pre-qualification Bid will be opened on the same day at 3.30P.M.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work Rs in Lakhs	E.M.D. Rs.	Period of Completion
1	Package - 1			
	Slice No 1: Construction of Additional 8 Class room building in Government College for Women at Kumbakonam. Rs.142.00 lakhs	486.00	258000.00	8months
	Slice No 2: Construction of Additional 20 Class room building in Government Arts & Science College for Women at Orathanadu in Thanjavur District Rs.344.00 lakhs			10 months
2	Package - 2			
	Slice No 1: Construction of Additional 12 Class room in Thiru.V.Ka Government Arts College at Thiruvarur in Thiruvarur District. Rs.211.00 lakhs	422.00	221000.00	8months
	Slice No 2: Construction of Additional 12 Class room in Mannai Rajagopalasamy Government Arts College at Mannargudi in Thiruvarur District. Rs.211.00 lakhs			8 months
3	Package - 3			
	Slice No 1: Construction of building for Additional class rooms 3 Nos. in Government Arts College at Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram District Rs.59.00 lakhs	416.00	218000.00	4months
	Slice No 2: Construction of building for 12 Class rooms in Sethupathy Government Arts College at Ramanathapuram in Ramanathapuram District Rs.215.00 lakhs			9 months
	Slice No 3: Construction of building for 8 Class rooms in Government Arts College for Women at Ramanathapuram in Ramanathapuram District Rs.148.00 lakhs			6 months
4	Construction of Additional 16 Class room building in Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women at Madurai	286.00	150000.00	8 months

Contractor Class: I above 75 lakhs, Last Date for receipt of tenders: Upto 3.00PM on 29.01.2021, Date of opening of tender: at 3.30PM on the same day, Date of availability of tender documents: 24.12.2020 to 28.01.2021 in CE office. The cost of tender Schedule Rs.15000 + GST 1800/-. Tender documents & other details are downloaded in "www.tenders.tn.gov.in" all free of cost. Any other details can be had from the office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education circle, Chennai -25 during working hours. EMD in favour of Executive Engineer, Technical Education Division, (Sl.No. 1 &2) Thanjavur, (Sl.No.3) Tirunelveli & (Sl.No.4) Madurai. If the date of receipt of tenders happens to be a holiday the tender will be received on the next working day.

DIPR /4903 / TENDER / 2020

Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education Circle, Chennai - 25

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda E-Vijaya Bank, Jalahalli Branch, Bangalore under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **02/03/2020** calling upon the Borrower **1) M/s. M V Agro Renewable Energy Pvt Ltd 2) Mr. K. Kiran Kumar S/o Sri K Venkateswara Rao 3) Mrs. Venu Kumari W/o. Mr. K Kiran Kumar 4) Mrs. K. Anantha Lakshmi W/o. Sri K Venkateswara Rao 5) Mr. K. Satish S/o. Sri. K. Venkateswara Rao 6) Mr. K. Anil Kumar S/o. Sri K Venkateswara Rao all are residing at No. 323, M V House, 13th Main, 18th Cross, Narayananagar, 1st Block, BOOHBCS, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560062** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 12,98,03,746.02/-(Rupees Twelve Crore Ninety Eight Lakhs Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six and Two Paisa Only)** as on 29/02/2020 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **18th day of December 2020.**

The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda E-Vijaya Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 12,98,03,746.02/- (Rupees Twelve Crore Ninety Eight Lakhs Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six and Two Paisa Only)** as on 29/02/2020 plus interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Industrial Shed Bearing No. 23 on Plot No. 54, part of land in former Sy. No. 261, Block No. 9, Phase II, Situated at IDA Cherlapully Village, Kapra Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, R. R District, Andhra Pradesh, as measuring 1881.44 Sq. Yards owned by Mr. Kiran Kumar and bounded on: On the East by : Shed No. 22, On the West by : Shed No. 24, On the North by : Shed No. 10, On the South by : 12M Wide Road

Date : 18/12/2020 — Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore — Bank Of Baroda

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU

Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))

RC No.1397/2019

Canara Bank, Branch Office at Yediyur, No.303, Kanakapura Main Road, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Yediyur, Bengaluru - 560 082 **...Certificate Holder Bank**
Versus
Smt. K. M. Lalith & Others ...Certified Debtor/Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

To
1.K. M. Lalitha W/o. Sri N. M. Mallesh, No. 1028, 12th A Cross, J. P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078.
2. Sri M. Vijaya Sai, S/o. Sri N. Mallesh, No. 1028, 12th A Cross, J. P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078.
3. Sri M. Sai Kiran S/o. Sri N. Mallesh, No. 1028, 12th A Cross, J. P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 078. **...Certified Debtor/Defendants**

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No.1145/2018** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT-1, Bangalore on **20.07.2019** an amount of **Rs.16,76,603/-**(Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred and Three Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization ofthe Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **02.07.2020.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer -2,
DRT-2 Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16** (1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also lible to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with Income Tax Returns of the last 5 year.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))

RC No:13093

Syndicate Bank, Peenya Industrial Area Branch,Bengaluru - 560 057. **...Certified Holder**
V/s
M/s. S. S. Enterprises & Another. ...Certified Debtors

DEMAND NOTICE

To
M/s. S. S. Enterprises, Rep by its Prop.: R. Prashanth Kumar, No. 52, 8th Main, SLV Industrial Estate, Peenya- II Stage, Bengaluru - 560 058.
R. Prashanth Kumar, S/o. Ramachandrappa, No. 351, 2nd Main, Indirapriya Darshi, Shambhavi Nagar, GKW Layout, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 058.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No.772/2015** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT-1, Bangalore on **20.12.2017** an amount of **Rs.29,02,576.32** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Two Thousand Five Seventy Six and Paise Thirty Two Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A. till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay :
a)Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b)All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **30.07.2018.**

Sd/- (Rajasekharan R.)
Recovery Officer-I ,DRT-I, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

AXIS BANK

No 45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru 560027,

POSSESSION NOTICE RULE 8 (1) (for immovable property)

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **21.09.2020** calling upon the borrower viz... **1) Mr. Satish Raj D** House # 74, BMK Layout, Mysore Road, Bangalore South,South Government Electric Factory, Bangalore – 560026. **Also at:** J U Enterprises,No. 51/1, 8th Cross Magadi Road, **2) Mrs. D Vijayalakshmi** House # 74, BMK Layout, Mysore Road, Bangalore South, South Government Electric Factory, Bangalore - 560026 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Loan A/c Nos. **PHR000903080178** and **LTR000903132648, Rs.43,47,791/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One Only) being the amount due as on **21.09.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **23rd day December of the year 2020.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Axis Bank Ltd,** for an amount, **Rs. 43,47,791/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One Only) being the amount due as on **21.09.2020** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Municipal property bearing No. 74, situated at Bhaktha Markandeya layout, Karithimmanahalli, Bangalore, previous comes under the Corporation Division old No. 24, new No. 37, presently comes under the BBMP, BBMP Ward No. 45, Municipal New No. 74, Bhaktha Markandeya layout, Bangalore PID No. 45-17-74 measuring East to West 32 ft. and North to South 18 ft. total measuring 576 sq.ft. along with 02 squares of ACC sheet house, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether and underneath or above the surface belonging to Mrs. D Vijayalakshmi and bounded on: East by: Remaining portion of the same property, West by: Road, North by: Property No. 70 & 71, South by: Remaining portion of the same property.

Date : 23.12.2020 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore — **Axis Bank Ltd.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **SRI. RAVI KAPOOR,** S/o S.R. Kapoor, aged about 74 years, R/at. No. C004, Canopy, 7th cross, Baboos Palya, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043. He has lost his original registered sale deed Vide registered document No. 97/1999, dated: 11.01.1999, and registered in the office of Hosur Sub-Register office, in respect of property bearing Land No.55, Sy No.60/1A, situated at Choodaganapalli Village, Palavanapalli Panchayath, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri district.

In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 22.12.2020 before the Inspector of police, Anekal Police station and the police taken complaint on file on 22.12.2020 in C-MISS No.227/2020, that my client has not created any charge over the properties covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after **7 days** from the date of this public notice.

VIKRAM .H.V, Advocate
No.7, 1st Floor, STB Complex, Near Civil Court, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District. Ph:9880462590.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **P.S.VENKATESH,** S/o Late P.R.Sathyanarayana Reddy, is intending to purchase the property fully described in the schedule hereunder from the landowner **Smt. D.BHAGYAMMA.** Any person having any kind of right, interest or claim may lodge their objections in writing with documentary proof within **10 days** to the undersigned from the date of publication of this notice. If any kind of Objection is not received, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property in accordance with law. Any claim received thereafter will not be entertained or considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the **southern half portion of the property bearing No.13, Old Khata No.10, new Khata No.21/3, Konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently BBMP Form –B Khata No.10/21/3, Southern portion, Konanakunte, Ward No.197, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 Feet, North to South 15 Feet, totally measuring 750 Square Feet,** bounded on the :

East by : Property belongs to Sri.H.Beerappa
West by : 20 Feet Road
North by : Northern half portion of same property gifted to Smt. Lakshmidevamma
South by : Property No.12.

D. SRINIVASA, Advocate
No.13, 3rd Cross, Journalist Colony, Bangalore-560002 Mobile: 9886047740
Date: 23-12-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Smt.C.Geetha** W/o Sri C.R.Rajanna, residing at No.16, 10th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru and **Smt.N.Manjula** W/o N.Ravinandana, residing at "Parvathi Nilaya" No.74/A, 7th Cross, 5th Main, D.C.Street, Chamrajpete, Bengaluru, had executed a Agreement of Sale on 10/08/2020 in respect of the below stated schedule property in favour of **Smt.Kolluri Pramila,** W/o Sri. Kolluri Venkata Krishna Rao, Residing at No. 378, Ground Floor, A-1 Block, 13th Cross, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru City for sale of the schedule property and now for non-compliance of the terms of the said agreement of sale dated: 10/08/2020 by the said person, my clients has duly terminated and cancelled the Agreement of Sale dated: 10/08/2020 and have issued a termination notice dated: 21-12-2020 to the said person for having duly terminated and cancelled the Agreement of Sale on 10/08/2020 with respect to the schedule property.

The General Public are hereby notified not to interact and not to have transaction with the said person or any other person/s in respect of the schedule property on the basis of the Agreement of Sale on 10/08/2020 and any transaction/s in respect of the schedule property is not binding on my clients either in full or in part and any such transaction will not convey any right, title and interest to the proposed purchaser/s and hence, kindly desist from proceeding further in the matter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of house property bearing No.738 situated at 'D' Block, Nachanahally, J.P.Nagar, Mysuru, measuring to an extent of East to West 35 feet and North to South 50 feet in all measuring 1759 Sq.ft. along with a RCC roofed residential building consisting of 83.48 Sq.mtrs. of building on the ground floor and 83.48 sq.mtrs. of building on the first floor with all basic amenities i.e. water, electricity and sanitary connection and bounded on;

East by : Site No.739
West by : Site No.737
North by : Road
South by : Site No.719.

A. Chandra Chud,
Advocate and Legal Consultant,
"A.C. Associates",
No. 63, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560 018.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा

सहिजना मोड़, गढ़वा (झारखण्ड) पिन नं० 822114
Email : eedwsd.garhwa1@gmail.com

द्वितीय शुद्धि–पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गढ़वा अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट निविदा सूचना संख्या–**DWSD/OBRA-09/2020-21,** दिनांक–02.12.2020 **OBRA Rural Pipe Water Supply** जो **PR No. 236651** Drinking Water and Sanitation (20-21)_D द्वारा प्रकाशित है, जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है :–

क्र0	विवरण	पूर्व में प्रकाशित	संशोधित प्रकाशित
1	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में) -	1067.09000 लाख (दस करोड़ सरसठ लाख नौ हजार रू0) मात्र।	955.74 लाख (नौ करोड़ पचपन लाख चौहतर हजार रू0) मात्र।
2	अग्रधन की राशि (लाख में) -	10.68 लाख (दस लाख अरसठ हजार रू0) मात्र।	9.56 लाख (नौ लाख छप्पन हजार रू0) मात्र।

नोट – (i) शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेगा।
(ii) यह शुद्धि–पत्र परिमाण विपत्र का भाग होगा।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल,
गढ़वा।

PR.NO.238079 Drinking Water and Sanitation(20-21):D

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the intimation of General Public that, my client M/s. Soms Relators & Developers, represented by Mr. J. Somashekar, at No. 569, 11th Main, IV Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 011, has filed a suit for specific performance of the Agreement to sell against Mr. Robert Zomawia Street, S/o late E. Street, & others at White Hall, St. John School, Shillong, Meghalaya State, India, before the Principal Civil Judge [Senior Division] Anekal, bearing O.S.No.563/2008 in respect of the schedule properties.

Any persons or Company entering in to any contract or transaction with the said persons shall do so at their cost and risk.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcels of converted lands bearing Sy.No.174/2, 5 acres, 4 guntas, 175, 35 guntas, 208, 2 acres, 209, 2 acres, 4 guntas, 210, 2 acres, 3 guntas, 372, 2 acres, 10 guntas, 372, 1 acre, 06 guntas all situated at Indlabele Village, as well as Sy.No.375, 3 acres, 7 guntas, 376, 3 acres, 19 guntas, 377, 3 acres, 377, 33 guntas, 378, 3 acres, 2 guntas and 379/3, 2 acres, 29 guntas of Attibele Village, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

K.T. DAKAPPA, Advocate
At No.64/1, SM Plaza 1 Floor, DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru- 560 004. Dt. 23-12-2020

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank

New Tippasandra branch,622, 80 feet Road, 12th Main, HAL II Stage, Bangaluru 560008,Phone : 080-22958838, 22958839
Email:newtippasandra@indianbank.co.in

APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, New tippasandra branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **25.01.2021,** for recovery of **Rs.12,44,655 /- (Rupees Twelve lakh forty four thousand six hundred and fifty five only)** as on 17.12.2020 due to the Indian Bank, New tippasandra branch, Secured Creditor, from 1.Sri R.Pandurangaiah S/o Sri T N Ramachandra No 10,1st cross,Nandagokula layout,Navil nagar,Bangalore 560 091. 2. Smt Swetha W/o Pandu rangaiah, No 10,1st cross,Nandagokula layout,Navil nagar Bangalore 560 091.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the property	**Residential the Property** All that piece and parcel of immoveable property bearing No. 10,New Khata no 1407/109,old Khata No 1407/109/10 formed in converted land in Sy No 109/1 of Karivobanahalli village, (Land converted into residential use vide official memorandum bearing no ALN (N) Y SR/86/2012-13 dtd 01.03.2013 passed by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore district, Karivobanahalli village Yeswanthapura hobli, Bangalore north taluk within the jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq ft and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site no 13,North by site no 11, South by site no 9
Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.9.00 lakhs
EMd Amount	Rs.0.90 lakh
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000/-
Date and time of e-auction	25.01.2021. Time 10 am to 1 pm
Property ID No	IDIB000N06

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstcecommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.
For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.
Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://ibapi.in and www.mstcecommerce.com.

Date 18.12.2020, Place:Bengaluru — **Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

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Regional Office: #13, Old No.5, 1st Main Road, Near KodavaSamaja Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore 560052.
Ph: 080-46219600,Armugam:9940025502

AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act)** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis',** Particulars of which are given below:

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount In(₹)	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP) In(₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) In(₹)	Total Loan Outstanding (As on 21-12-2020) In(₹)
(Loan Code No. 00001144 Bengaluru (Branch) Srinivasa S (Borrower) Mrs. Lakshmi M R (Co Borrower)	18-02-19 For Rs. 38,31,940/- **(Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred And Fourty Only)**	All that part and parcel of the property bearing, Site No 1162, kh no.860, 12th A main rd 2nd Block, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka 560072 East Road, West Site No.1095,North Site No.1128, South-Site No.1162/A Dimension 54.59 Sq.Meters	**Rs.46,00,000/- (Rupees Fourty Six Lakh Only)**	**Rs.4,60,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Thousandonly)**	**Rs.46,43,574/- (Rupees Fourty Six Lakh Fourty Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Four Only)**
(Loan Code No. 00000254 Bengaluru(Branch) Vikas Kumar Kedia (Borrower) Mrs. Priyanka Kedia (Co Borrower	14-Mar-18 For Rs. 33,77,337/- **(Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred And Thirty Seven Only)**	All that part and parcel of the property bearing, Flat No A 104, Richmond Pride Phase II Sy No. 81,Kyalasanahalli Village Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Karnataka 562106 East Lawn View, West Passage, North Flat No.103, South-Passage.SBA 1066 Sq Ft, Undivided Share 386Sq Ft.	**Rs. 35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousandonly)**	**Rs.46,90,451/- (Rupees Fourty Six Lakh, Ninty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty One Only)**

The Terms and Conditions of the Auction are as under:
1.Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 28/1/2021 within 12:00 noonat the Regional Office address mentioned herein above.
2.The intending bidders should pay 10% of the reserve price of the property as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by means of a "Demand Draft" in favour of 'Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited' or 'DHFL' Only on or before 28/1/2021 within 12:00 noon. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
3.The successful bidder shall have to deposit Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the Bid Amount (less EMD) immediately on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be, without fail and EMD shall be adjusted towards twenty five percent (25%) of the bid amount immediately, on the sale being knocked down in his favour. In case of default in deposit of twenty five percent (25%) of the bid amount as stated above, the EMD will be forfeited and the property shall forthwith be soldagain
4.The successful bidder shall deposit the balance seventy five percent (75%) of the bid amount within 15 days of the sale or such extended period as agreed upon in writing by the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor at his discretion. In case of any default in depositing the amount within the stipulated period, the deposit will be forfeited as per sub Rule (5) of Rule (9) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser will forfeit all his/her claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
5.Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is 28/1/2021 at the above mentioned branch office address at 1.00 PM. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer. Interse Bid will be there on the available bids and the bid increment from one bid to the other bid during auction will be minimum Rs.10,000/- each.
6.Date of Inspection of the Immovable Property is between 10.00 AM to 06.00 PM before Auction date on prior request.
7.Further the interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.
8.The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
9.Since the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
10.The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mentioned circle office. The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. The Property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.
11.DHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
12.The Total Loan Outstanding amount is not the loan foreclosure amount. All other charges (if any) shall be calculated at the time of closure of the loan.
13.Wherever applicable, its responsibility of Auction Purchaser to deduct Tax at Source (TDS) @ 1% of the total sale consideration on behalf of the resident owner on the transfer of immovable property having consideration equal to or above Rs.50 lacs and deposit the same with appropriate authority u/s.194 IA of Income Tax Act.
For further details, please contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address.

Date :23.12.2020
Place: Banglore
Sd/-Authorised Officer,
M/s.Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

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To, **Nagesh B,** 28, G Venkatapura Village Venkateswara, Temple Street, Kormangala Post Bangalore, Karnataka-560034
Nagesh B, also at:- Flat No. 403, 002, 001 & 005, Vandana Jasmine, Pr No. 28/1, 8th Cross, Venkatapura Village, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034.
Sunder Rao B, Flat Bearing No. 401 & 402, Residential Building No. 59, 8th Cross Road, Venkatapura Village, Gramtana, Jakkasandra Dakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034
Shamala Bai, #28/1-59, 8th Cross, Venkatapura Kormangala, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034.
G Annapurna, No.28, G Venkatapura Village Venkateshwara, Temple Street, Kormangala Bangalore, Karnataka-560034.
Sunder Rao B, 31/4, 8th Cross, Venkatapura, Grama BTM Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034
Sunder Rao B, also at:- Flat No. 403, 002, 001 & 005, Vandana Jasmine, Pr No. 28/1, 8th Cross, Venkatapura Village, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034.
Shamala Bai, also at:- Flat No. 403, 002, 001 & 005, Vandana Jasmine, Pr No. 28/1, 8th Cross, Venkatapura Village, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034
Annapurna, also at:- Flat No. 403, 002, 001 & 005, Vandana Jasmine, Pr No. 28/1, 8th Cross, Venkatapura Village, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034
Jayalakshmi S, No 31-4, 8th Cross, Venkatapura, Grama Btm Layout Bangalore, Karnataka-560034
Jayalakshmi S, also at:- Flat Bearing No. 401 & 402, Residential Building No. 59, 8th Cross Road, Venkatapura Village, Gramtana, Jakkasandra Dakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034.

POSSESSION NOTICE [(Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of Religare Finvest Ltd., having Registered Office at, at First Floor, P-14, 45/90, P-Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110011, (OLD–ADDRESS 2nd Floor, Rajlok Building, 24, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019(hereinafter referred to as "RFL") under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 16/7/2019 calling upon **Mr. Nagesh B, Mr. Sunder Rao B, Ms. Shamala Bai, Ms. G Annapurna, Ms. Jayalakshmi S** (hereinafter referred to as the "Borrowers") to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of **Rs. 76,90,024.51/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Ninty Thousand Twenty Four & Paise Fifty One Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. In addition to the said outstanding dues, the Borrowers are also liable to pay interest and charge accruing to the Loan Accounts after **16/07/2019.**

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this the18/12/2020.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "RFL" Ltd for an amount **Rs. 76,90,024.51/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Ninty Thousand Twenty Four & Paise Fifty One Only)** The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. If the borrower clears the dues of the "RFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "RFL" and no further step shall be taken by "RFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

SCHEDULE

A. **All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat bearing no. 001 in the ground floor, having 1546 square feet of super built-up and flat bearing no. 002 in the ground floor, having super built-up area 1460 of square feet, flat bearing no. 403 in the fourth floor having super built-up area 1070 square feet and flat bearing no. 005 in the ground floor having super built-up area 1183 square feet, constructed on the property bearing no.59, old no. 28/1, pid no. 66-187-59, situated at 8th cross road, Venkatapura Village, Gramtana, Jakkasandra Dakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward no. 173 (66) of BBMP Bangalore, Karnataka-560034, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded by:-**
East : property of Smt. Saraswathi Bai & others **West**: Road
North: property of Smt. Saraswathi Bai & others **South**: House of Gopalappa, Krishnappa, Anjinappa and others

b. **All that piece and parcel of property bearing flat bearing no.401 having 1546 sq. ft of super built up and flat bearing no. 402 having 1460 sq. ft. of super built up in 4th floor residential building no. 59, old no. 28/1, pid no. 66-187-59 situated at 8th cross road, Venkatapura Village, Gramtana, Jakkasandra Dakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward No. 66 of BBMP Bangalore, Karnataka-560034, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded by:-**
East : property of Smt. Saraswathi Bai & others **West**: Road
North: property of Smt. Saraswathi Bai & others **South**: House of Gopalappa, Krishnappa, Anjinappa and others.

Place: Bangalore — AUTHORIZED OFFICER
Date: 18/12/2020 — **RELIGARE FINVEST LTD.**

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NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

It is hereby informed to general public, that Smt.Chandramma is the absolute owner & in possession of Site No.21, SRR Meadows Layout, Kallabalu Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and she is intending to approach the Union Bank of India, Jigani Branch seeking for construction loan and it is further informed that one of the original Sale Deed bearing Document No.ANK-1-07598/2005-06, ANKD76, dated 29.08.2005, executed by C.Malakondaiah, C.Ravindra Naidu and S.V.Sudheer Babu, in favor of Smt.Prashanthi Reddy with respect to the above site has been lost and despite the best efforts of Smt.Chandramma and Vendors, the same has not been traced. Subsequently she had purchased the said site from Sri.Kodicherla Pardhiva under the registered sale deed dated 30.09.2019.

Under the said Circumstances, the general public is hereby requested to hand over the Original Sale Deed dated 29.08.2005, stated above if the same is found or to raise any objections with regard to the title of said Chandramma over the said site with proper documentary proof and to submit that same to her Counsel whose address has been furnished below within a week's time.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Site No.21, formed in "SRR Meadows Layout", located on Old Sy.No.90/4, New Sy.No.90/P33, bearing E Khatha No.150200100400220411, V.P.Khatha No.170/21, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft., converted for Residential use vide orders No.ALN SR (AJ) 152/1996-97, approved by BMRDA, Government of Karnataka in its order vide No.BMRDA/LAO/066/2004-05, dated 16.02.2008, situated at Kallabalu Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on the:
East by : Site No.20, West by : Road, North by : Site No.12, South by : Site No.28.

S.VENKATESH SHASTRY,
Advocate & Consultant
No.229, 12th Main, Near Mary Immaculate School, Lakkasandra Extn, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560 030.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client has agreed to purchase the schedule property from its owner **Sri SHASHIDHAR CHANGAPPA,** S/o Sri Changappa M. T, Residing at No. 64/65, "Kaveramma Nilaya", 6th Cross, Pipe Line Road, Prashanthanagara, T. Dasarahalli,Guru Krupa, 2nd Cross, Maranna Layout, Doddabidarekallu, Bengaluru—560 057.

Any person/s having or asserting any right, title or interest or claim in the aforesaid property apart from the owner, may send their written objection to the undersigned, within **Seven days (7)** from the date of this publication with documentary proof thereof. If no claim or objection are received within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, it will be presumed that no one except the aforesaid owner is having all the right, title and interest over the above properties and my client will then be free to conclude the transaction without any notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Unmovable property **Site bearing No. 23,** situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, within the jurisdiction of BBMP in Ward No.15, Katha No.1763, measuring **East to West: 60 feet** and **North to South: On Eastern Side 33 feet and Western Side 35 Feet, in all measuring 2040 Sq Ft** With New **PID No.015-W0132-25-1** and bounded as follows:

East by : 30 Feet Road,
West by : Property belong to Shivashankar,
North by : Private Property and
South by : Remaining Portion of S.Munikrishnappa in Site No.23

NAGARAJ M.J., Advocate
No.154/54/15, 2nd Floor, Opp. JPN Nivas Apartments, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560 090, Phone: 9164761239

RELIANCE — RELIANCE HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Branch Office:Reliance Home Finance limited,No.39,FFK Towers 2nd Floor,30th Cross Road, Tilak Nagar, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore – 560029
Corporate & Registered Office:- Reliance Home Finance Limited, Ruby Tower,11th Floor,North West Wing,Plot No.29, J.K.Sawant Marg,Dadar,Mumbai-400028

SALE CUM AUCTION NOTICE

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer (AO) of the **Reliance Home Finance Ltd. (RHF),** invites tenders/Quotations for purchase of the properties specified below of the below mentioned Borrowers, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, for recovery of secured debts as mentioned herein-below along with interest and costs, etc. of RHF. The Properties are proposed to be **sold on "As is Where is" and "As is Whatever there is basis" and on without recourse basis.**

S. No	Name & Address of the Borrowers / Co Borrowers / Guarantors	Property / Security Interest details	Outstanding due for Recovery of which property is being sold	Reserve Price (RP), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Date of Inspection.	Date, Time & Venue of Auction /opening quotations /bids
1 2 3	M/S Damden Properties; Damla T Mathew, Dennis T Basil **Having Residence At :** No 7/27 4th Cross Venkateshwara L/O Sg Palaya Tavarekere Main Road Cross Near Big Bazzar Forum Bangalore – 560029	The Residential Property Situated In In Sy No. 270, (Flat No.102,104,105,109, 113,114,201,203,208,212, 213,302,303,310,313,315) Vp Katha No. 270, Bidaraguppe Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.	**Rs.1,82,09,160/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Two Lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred And Sixty Only) As On 11th December 2020.**	**Reserve Price: Rs.3,08,04,300/-** (Three Crore Eight Lakh Four Thousand Three Hundred Only) **Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 30,80,430/- Inspection Date: 18th January 2021 Between 11.00 A.M. To 5.00 P.M.**	**20th January 2021 At 10.30 A.M. Reliance Home Finance Limited,** No.39,Ffk Towers, 2ndfloor,30thcross Road, Tilak Nagar, Banneraghatta Road, Bangalore-560029
1 2 3	**Sycon Constructions Private Limited, Mr. Anil R Bagalwadi, Mr.Kumar Nadig Having Residence At:** Sycon Polaris 5b, 5th Floor, Door 1/58,8th Main Road, Rmv Extension, Sadashivanagar Bangalore – 560080	The Residential Property Situated In Sycon Maitri Sy Nos. 20, 21/2,22, 23,(Villa Nos.C1,C3,C18,D19, D20,C22,C24,C38,E55,C5 8,D59,C60,C61,C64,C65) Chikkabanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hob, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-562107.	**Rs. 23,20,90,602/-(Rupees Twenty-Three Crore Twenty Lakhs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred And Two Only) As On 11th December 2020.**	**Reserve Price: Rs.23,65,32,600/-** (Twenty Three Crore Sixty Five Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred). **Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.2,36,53,260/- Inspection Date: 18th January 2021 Between 11.00 A.M. To 5.00 P.M.**	**20th January 2021 At 11.00 A.M. Reliance Home Finance Limited,** No.39,Ffk Towers, 2ndfloor,30thcross Road, Tilak Nagar, Banneraghatta Road, Bangalore-560029
1 2 3 4	**Vikas Agarwal, Lakhmi Chand Agarwal, Nupur Agarwal, Aqua Packers And Movers Private Limited Having Residence At:** 657 30th Main 14th Cross 1st Phase J P Nagar Bangalore - 560078	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Villa No.A9, Sterling Villa Grande, Formed In Sy No.109 To 116, Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, East Village Bangalore	**Rs. 3,09,07,143/-(Rupees Three Crore Nine Lakh Seven Thousand One Hundred And Forty Three Only)As On 15th December 2020.**	**Reserve Price: Rs.3,57,27,907 /-** (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred And Seven Only). **Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.35,72,791 /- Inspection Date: 18th January 2021 Between 11.00 A.M. To 5.00 P.M.**	**20th January 2021 At 11.30 A.M. Reliance Home Finance Limited,** No.39,Ffk Towers, 2ndfloor,30thcross Road, Tilak Nagar, Banneraghatta Road, Bangalore-560029
1 2	**Shashi Shekar Chandrashekar, Having Residence At:** 920 9 Th Floor Hara Vijaya Heights Off , Kanakapura Road, Uttarahalli Manavarth ekaval, Bangalore – 560062 **Mrs. Sumathi Shekar** Having Residence At:Janaadhar India Private Limited , Ms Square 34/1-1, Lang Ford Road,Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560027	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Property Situated In Flat. No 920, 9th Floor, Tower 1, Block A, Hara Vijaya Heights Kh No. 84/7/14, Survey. No – 48, Old Survey No.7/14, Manavarthe Kaval Village, Uttarahalli, Bangalore – 560062.	**Rs. 64,07,535/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Seven Thousand Five Hundred And Thirty Five Only) As On 17th December 2020.**	**Reserve Price: Rs. 46,04,850/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Four Thousand Eight Hundred And Fifty Only) **Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 4,60,485/- Inspection Date: 18th January 2021 Between 11.00 A.M. To 5.00 P.M**	**20th January 2021 At 12.00 P.M. Reliance Home Finance Limited,** No.39,Ffk Towers, 2ndfloor,30thcross Road, Tilak Nagar, Banneraghatta Road, Bangalore-560029

Note: The AO may at his/her discretion permit inter-se bidding amongst the top three bidders.
2) Last date and place of submitting sealed quotations / bids: On or before 19th january 2021 at 5.00 p.m.
Bids to be addressed to: To the Authorised Officer, **Reliance Home Finance Limited,no.39,ffk towers,2ndfloor,30thcross road, tilak nagar, banneraghatta road,bangalore-560029, Contact person: Mr. Ramesh Ramu - Ph: 9341139507**

Terms and Conditions:
The Interested parties may send/submit their quotation/bid in sealed covers superscripting on the envelope as **"Quotation for Purchase of Properties" -** (Property address), along with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Pay Order/DD, drawn in favour of **"Reliance Home Finance Ltd..",** payable at Bangalore.
1) The EMD shall bear no interest, be adjusted in case of successful parties and shall be forfeited in case of default by such party.
2) Tenders/bids incomplete in any respect or unsigned or not accompanied by DD/PO for the requisite EMD are liable to be summarily rejected at the sole discretion of AO.
3) The aforesaid Properties shall not be sold below the reserve price mentioned above.
4) Successful party shall deposit 25% of the quoted amount, which amount shall include the EMD deposited, immediately on the same day by way of Pay Order / DD drawn in favour of **"Reliance Home Finance Ltd..", payable at Bangalore,** and remaining 75% shall be deposited within 15 days of date of the confirmation of sale or within the extended period as allowed by the undersigned in writing. The AO may at his/her sole discretion extend in writing the time for making the payments. In case of failure to make the required payments by the stipulated dates, the EMD and all amounts paid till then, shall stand forfeited without any notice and the properties shall be resold.
5) All such Payments to be made only in the form of Pay Order or Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Reliance Home Finance Ltd., payable at Bangalore.
6) The Successful party would bear the charges/fees payable for sale/conveyance such as stamp duty, registration fees, taxes, levies, etc. as applicable as per law and also the miscellaneous expenses.
7) The AO will not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the Govt. or anybody in respect of the properties under sale.
8) The AO reserves its right to negotiate with the highest bidder for improvement in the offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any quotation or adjourn/postpone/cancel the auction/sale without assigning any reason therefore.
9) The sale is subject to confirmation by the RHF.
10) If the Borrower pays the amount due to the RHF in full before the date of auction/confirmation of sale, the auction/sale is liable to be stopped.
11) To the best of knowledge and information of the AO, no other encumbrance exists on the above mentioned properties.
12) The bid is not transferable.
13) This publication is also a notice of 15 days to the Borrowers and Co-borrowers of the intention of holding of sale on above mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full. If the borrower has any such proposal of selling of the properties to any person by private sale or by getting quotation, the same may be communicated to the undersigned within 7 days.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrowers and co-borrowers are hereby noticed to pay the total outstanding dues before the date of opening of bid failing which the secured assets will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest, cost and charges thereon from you.

Place: BANGALORE
Date: 24.12.2020
[Authorised Officer]
Name : SOMANNA K N
Reliance Home Finance Ltd.

LOST

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. R. Shivakumar, S/o. Rudrappa M, aged about 47years, residing at No.109,Rajeshwari Manor, Doddakalsandra, Bengaluru-560 062, states that he had lost the Original Sale Deed dated 11/02/2005 bearing Doc No.41520 of 2004-05 and other documents like EC, etc. while taking the same for photocopying, and also lodged a complaint on22/12/2020, bearing Sl. No. 916080, Lost Report No. 167999/2020, relating to the **Property bearing Flat No. 109, Ground Floor, Rajeshwari Manor, Doddakalsandra, Bengaluru-560 062** having super built-up area of 1000 Sq. ft with 290 Sq.ft UDS, together with all other rights. The Documents are: 1.Original Sale Deed, 2. Copy of EC and other documents.

If anybody transacts with the above documents our client is not responsible or liable. Further, founder/s of the above documents are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at the earliest.

M. Jagadeesh,
Tapas Law, Advocates
C-208, Blue Cross Chambers,
2nd Floor, No. 11, Infantry Road Cross,
Bangalore-560001. Ph: 9845520455
Place: Bangalore Date: 23/12/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, M/s. Darshita Developers Pvt Ltd, hereby bring into the notice of general public that State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India) has granted Environmental Clearance for construction of IT office building project located at Survey No's 54/1, 55, 56/7, Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, file no SEIAA 66 CON 2020 dated 04.09.2020 and copies of clearance letters may also be seen on the website of SEIAA, Karnataka at http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in or http://environmentclearance.nic.in.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BENGALORE
No.4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore 560 025
O. A. No. 1312/2019

BETWEEN: CANARA BANK,
Basaveshwaranagar Branch,
No.4, 4th Stage, 3rd Block, 1st Main Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore 560 079. ...Applicant

AND: 1) SRI. N. R BADARI NARAYANA
2) SRI. N. RAMADAS ...Defendants

Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to the Defendant

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.20,54,478/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **10.02.2021 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 22th Day of December, 2020.

BY ORDER OF TRIBUNAL Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

To. 1) SRI. N. R. BADARI NARAYANA
S/o Sri. N. Ramadas, 117, Lavanya Karnataka Layout, 2nd Cross, Mahalaxmipuram, Bangalore 560 086.
2) SRI. N. RAMADAS
S/o Sri. A. Narayana Rao, 117, Lavanya Karnataka Layout, 2nd Cross, Mahalaxmipuram, Bangalore 560 086.

FORM- NO.15
BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT BANGALORE-(DRT -I)
D. No. 1857/2019

Between:
Udaya Kumar ...Applicant
V/s.
The Authorized Officer, Vijaya Bank (Now Bank of Baroda) & Others : ...RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(8) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

To: 1) Mr. B. Sridhar, Major, S/o Late B. Basappaji, 3rd Phase Manjunathanagar, Bangalore. ...Respondent No. 4
2.Mr. B. Sridhar, Also at No. 27, Survey No.59, Khata No. 925, Near CMC Office K.R.Puram, Bangalore 560036 ...Respondent No. 4
3.Mrs. Soubhagya Major, W/o Sri Sridhar .B, Residing at No. 48, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main 2nd Phase, Manjunathnagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 ...Respondent No. 5
4.The Authorised Officer & Chief Manager, Indian Bank,Sadashivanagar Branch No. 9/19, Sankey Road, Bangalore 560003 ...Respondent No. 6
5.M/s. R. K. Electricals, No. 16, 27th Main, 3rd Cross, VGS Layout Ejipura Old Madaras Road, Bangalore 560047. ...Respondent No. 7
6.Smt. Hamsavani, Major W/o Sri. S. Muniraju, No. 16, 27th Main 3rd Cross, VGS Layout, Ejipura, Old Madaras Road, Bangalore 560047 ......Respondent No. 8
7.Sri C. Muniraju, Major, S/o Sri M. Chinnanna, No. 16, 27th Main 3rd Cross,VGS Layout, Ejipura Old Madaras Road, Bangalore 560047 ...Respondent No. 9
8.Sri Dinesh K.S , (Auction Purchaser) No. 113/17, 2nd Floor, GDP Extension 1st Main Road, Vyalikaval, Bangalore 560003 .....Respondent No. 10

WHEREAS the Applicant have filed an application under Section 17(1) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act.2002, field before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal at Bangalore (DRT-1). The Hon'ble Tribunal have ordered issue of Notice to Respondents No.4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and Respondents No.10 on 04.12.2020, informing you to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal on **20.04.2021,** Hence you are hereby advised to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal on **20.04.2021 at 11 A.M** either in person or through your counsel to present your case, as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted to Applicant. In default of your appearance on the day afore mentioned, the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Tribunal on this the 17th day of December 2020.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal 1

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	**Borrower:** 1. Mrs Prema M & Mr D Mallapa No.04, 2nd Main Road, Maranna Layout, Doddabidarakallu, Nagarantar Post, Bangalore - 560073.	a) 10.8.2020 b) 13.10.2020 c) Rs.39,18,640.83 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.91,71,000/- b) Rs.9,17,100/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential land & building bearing Site no-04, Khata No-23, Assessment -56/1, Maranna layout, Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeswantpura Hobli, Bangalore-560073 Measuring 1470 sq ft standing in the name of Mrs PREMA M and Bounded : East by : Site No-3, West by : Site No-05, North by : Private Property, South by : Road. Ground Floor+First floor+Second Floor+Terrace. Branch : Vijaynagar, Ph.: 23106262 / 23107803 E-mail : vijban@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 20090210000939 IFSC Code : UCBA0002009			
2	**Borrower:** 1. Mr Muneer A & Mrs. Mubintaj No.487, Khata No.1, Block No.1, 2nd B Cross Road, D Group Employee House Building Co-Opeerative Society Layout, Andhrahalli Main Road, Lingadeeranhalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore - 560091	a) 10.3.2020 b) 24.9.2020 d) Rs.45,57,355.20 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.96,92,000/- b) Rs.9,69,200/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential land & building bearing No-#487, Khata No-1, Block No-1, 2nd B Cross Road, D Group Employee House Building Co-operative Society Layout, Andhrahalli Main Road, Lingadeeranhalli Village, Yeswantpura Hobli, Bangalore - 560091, Measuring 990 sq ft standing in the name of Mr MUNEER A and Bounded East by : Site No-488, West by : 25 ft Road, North by : 25 ft Road, South by : Site No-486. Stilt + Ground Floor + First floor + Second Floor (L-77.487407E, L-13.002430N). Branch : Vijaynagar, Ph.: 23106262 / 23107803 E-mail : vijban@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 20090210000939 IFSC Code : UCBA0002009			
3	**Borrower:** 1. Mrs. Padmavathi V @ Padma Madhu Kumar, No. 51/A, 1st Main, Meenakshi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079. Guarantor : Mr. Madhukumar H N	a) 10.8.2020 b) 23.11.2020 d) Rs.43,79,436.60 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.29,00,000/- b) Rs.2,90,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Flat bearing No. A008, Khatha No. 1117/148/3 & E-Khata No. 150300401000120659, "A" wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1020 Sq.feet super Built-up area, containing Two Bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, One common toilet and One attached toilet, One Hall, One kitchen, together with one covered Car Parking Space, 517.40 Sq.feet Undivided Interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as "NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS" constructed in converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the : East By : Nisarga Capital Apartment Block B, West By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor, North By : Flat No A007, South By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor.in the name of Mrs. Padmavathi V @ Padma Madhu Kumar. Branch : HSR Layout, Ph.: 25726060/25722757 E-mail : banhsr@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 19580210000694 IFSC Code : UCBA0001958			
4	**Borrower:** 1. Mrs. Padmavathi V @ Padma Madhu Kumar, No. 51/A, 1st Main, Meenakshi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079. Guarantor : Mr. Madhukumar H N	a) 10.8.2020 b) 23.11.2020 d) Rs.43,73,061.00 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.29,00,000/- b) Rs.2,90,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Flat bearing No. A007, Khatha No. 1117/148/3, & E-Khata No. 150300401000120658, "A" wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1020 Sq.feet super Built-up area, containing Two Bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, One common toilet and One attached toilet, One Hall, One kitchen, together with one covered Car Parking Space, 517.40 Sq.feet Undivided Interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as "NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS" constructed in converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the : East By : Nisarga Capital Apartment Block B, West By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor, North By : Flat No A008, South By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor. in the name of Mrs. Padmavathi V @ Padma Madhu Kumar. Branch : HSR Layout, Ph.: 25726060/25722757 E-mail : banhsr@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 19580210000694 IFSC Code : UCBA0001958			
5	**Borrower:** Mr. Nagesh R N, No. 129, 6th Cross, Bapuji Layout, Subbanna GP, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040. Guarantor : Mrs.Yamuna V, W/o Nagesh R.N	a) 10.8.2020 b) 23.11.2020 d) Rs.41,12,185.88 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.29,00,000/- b) Rs.2,90,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Flat bearing No. A107, Khatha No. 1117/148/3 & E-Khata No. 150300401000120666, "A" wing in First Floor, measuring 1020 Sq.feet super Built-up area, containing Two Bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, One common toilet and One attached toilet, One Hall, One kitchen, together with one covered Car Parking Space, 517.40 Sq.feet Undivided Interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as "NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS" constructed in converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the: East By : Nisarga Capital Block "B" Apartment, West By :2 Mtr Wide Corridors, North By : Flat Bearing No. A108 and South By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor. In the name of Mr.Nagesh R N. Branch : HSR Layout, Ph.: 25726060/25722757 E-mail : banhsr@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 19580210000694 IFSC Code : UCBA0001958			
6	**Borrower:** Mr. Shivakumar L, No. 1, S-4, 8th Cross, Vrushbavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079. Guarantor : Mrs.Vijaya N	a) 10.8.2020 b) 23.11.2020 d) Rs.45,86,256.00 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.30,00,000/- b) Rs.3,00,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Flat bearing No. A309, Khatha No. 1117/148/3 & E-Khata No. 150300401000120682, "A" wing in Third Floor, measuring 1065 Sq.feet super Built-up area, containing Two Bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, One common toilet and One attached toilet, One Hall, One kitchen, together with one covered Car Parking Space, 540.22 Sq. Feet Undivided Interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as "NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS" constructed in converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the : East By : Nisarga Capital Block "B" Apartment, West By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor, North By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor and South By : Flat No A310. In the name of Mr. Shivakumar L. Branch : HSR Layout, Ph.: 25726060/25722757 E-mail : banhsr@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 19580210000694 IFSC Code : UCBA0001958			
7	**Borrower:** Mr. Shivakumar L, No. 1, S-4, 8th Cross, Vrushbavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079. Guarantor : Mrs.Vijaya N	a) 10.8.2020 b) 23.11.2020 d) Rs.45,86,231.00 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.31,00,000/- b) Rs.3,10,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Flat bearing No. A302, Khatha No. 1117/148/3 & E-Khata No. 150300401000120679, "A" wing in Third Floor, measuring 1077 Sq.feet super Built-up area, containing Two Bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, One common toilet and One attached toilet, One Hall, One kitchen, together with one covered Car Parking Space, 546.30 Sq.feet Undivided Interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as "NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS" constructed in converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the : East By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor, West By : Sy No 149 & 150, North By : Staircase & Flat No A303 and South By : Flat No A301.In the name of Mr. Shivakumar L. Branch : HSR Layout, Ph.: 25726060/25722757 E-mail : banhsr@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 19580210000694 IFSC Code : UCBA0001958			
8	**Borrower:** Mr. M Girish, Sri Guruvaibhava Nilaya, KK Layout, Kannurahalli Main Road, Sir M V Extension, Hosakote Town, Bangalore – Rural – 562114 Guarantor : Nagamma Y K	a) 10.8.2020 b) 23.11.2020 d) Rs.56,29,269.64 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.32,00,000/- b) Rs.3,20,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : Flat bearing No. A006, Khatha No. 1117/148/3 & E-Khata No. 150300401000120655, "A" wing in Ground Floor, measuring 1110 Sq.feet super Built-up area, containing Two Bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, One common toilet and One attached toilet, One Hall, One kitchen, together with one covered Car Parking Space, 563.05 Sq.feet Undivided Interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building known as "NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS" constructed in converted Sy No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the : East By : Nisarga Capital Apartment Block B, West By : 2 Mtr Wide Corridor, North By : Remaining Land In Sy No-148/3 and South By : Flat No A007. In the name of Mr. M. Girish. Branch : HSR Layout, Ph.: 25726060/25722757 E-mail : banhsr@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 19580210000694 IFSC Code : UCBA0001958			
9	**Borrower:** Mr. A.C. Venkatesh, T-6, 3rd Floor, Smilee Nest - 2, Dasarahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore - 560084. Office Address : R K Enterprises, No.1, 14th Main, Attigupe, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040. Guarantor : Mrs. B.S.Namita.	a) 6.9.2019 b) 11.9.2020 d) Rs.46,64,359.05 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 28.1.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 30.1.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 pm	a) Rs.47,41,000/- b) Rs.4,74,100/- c) Rs.25,000/-
	Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building Bearing Flat No.T-6, 3rd Floor, "SMILEE NEST-II" Apartment Site No.3, Khata No.154/28/4, Sy No.43/2, 2nd Cross, Dasarahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East, Bengaluru-560024. Building have Stilt + GF & 3 Upper Floor, 2 BHK Flat. Total Site bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Road, North by : Site No.2 and 12, South by : Site No.4 & 9, measuring SBUA-1106 Sq.ft, standing in the name of Mr.A.C Venkatesh. (L-77.602079E, L-13.058703N). Branch : Koramangala Branch, Ph.: 080 - 25532428 / 25526845 E-mail : Korama@ucobank.co.in A/C No.: 10530210002025 IFSC Code : UCBA0001053			

Details of known encumbrances : Not Known
TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and conditions of the sale is available/published in the following websites/web portal : **I) https://ibapi.in, II) https://mstcecommerce.com/**
2. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**
3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the authorized Offices, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website. **https//www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. on Date 30.1.2021 from 1.00 p.m to 5.00 p.m.**
5. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and to make self-bid and participate in the auction.
6. The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 24.12.2020

Authorised Officer
UCO Bank

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-4,
FAX No. 0651 – 2400799, email – cesp.jseb@rediffmail.com
(Department of Supply & Purchase), CIN :-U40108JH2013SGC001702

Very Short Term e-Notice

For "Invitation of rates/quotations of different materials of JBVNL for inclusion in Jharkhand SOR"

Sl. NO.	e-Notice No.	Description
1.	78/PR/JBVNL/2020-21	For Different Materials

Timelines for participating in all the above e-tender is detailed below:

Sl. No.	Event	Timelines
1.	Date of Opening for submission of rates/quotations	24/12/2020 at 18:00 Hrs.
2.	Last date and time of receipt of rates/quotations (Online)	Upto 29/12/2020 at 18:00 Hrs.
3.	Last date of physical submission	30/12/2020 at 01:00 Hrs.
4.	Due date of opening of rates/quotations	30/12/2020 at 02:00 Hrs.

Mode of uploading/ opening will be through e-tendering norms only. The complete material list/documents can be downloaded through website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in Firm may contact help desk for e-Procurement system at the following web address: www.jharkhantenders.gov.in.

Contact Details:
General Manager (S&P)- 9431709163

Call Center 24x7
18003456570 / 18001233745
Centralised Complain No. 1912

PR 238162 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd)20-21#D

General Manager (S&P)

THE CITIZEN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

No.651/A, 1st Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Satge, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.Phone : 080 - 2332 1923, 2332 8735

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **THE CITIZEN CO-OP BANK LTD.,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned properties under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction
		DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY			
1.	**(1) Mr. Deepak R S/o. Ravi.K (2). Mr. Vignesh R S/o.Ravi.K (3) Mr. Ravi.K (4) Mrs. Meenakshi** all are R/a. No.27, 1st Cross, 2nd Stage, KEC Colony, WOC Road, Near Shankar Mata, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore-560079	All that part and parcel of the property bearing No. 27 situated at Kirloskar House building Co-Operative Society Ltd., Kamalanagara, Bangalore. Site carved out of Sy.No.195, of Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP Ward No.16, (Kamalanagara) with PID No.16-57-27, Bangalore and measuring East to West 50 feet, and North to South 30 feet, in all totally measuring 1500 Sq.Feet, with Construction thereon and bounded on the following **boundaries: East:** Road, **West:** Property No.22, **North:** Property No.26, **South:** Property No. 28	**Rs. 1,87,69,500/-** (Rupees One Crore Eighty Seven Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.18,76,950/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Only)	**Rs. 22,24,003/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Three Only) as on 09.12.2020**	**28.01.2021 At 11.30 AM EMD Date 27.01.2021 before 7.00 P M.**
2.	**(1) Mr. Naveen Kumar A** S/o Annadanappa **(2). Mrs. Gunashree W/o Naveen Kumar A both are residing at:** No.36, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Nethaji Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560040	All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.20, situated at 3rd Cross, Nethaji Layout, Deepanjali Nagar, Bangalore and measuring East to West 10 feet and North to South 40 feet, **Bounded By: East:** Main Road, **West:** Property of Ramu, **North:** Road, **South:** Property of Gangappa	**Rs.31,55,300/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred Only) **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.3,15,530/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Only)	**Rs. 10,56,790/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Only) as on 09/12/2020,**	**28/01/2021 at 4.30 PM EMD Date 27.01.2021 before 7.00 P M.**
3.	**1. Mr. Shabeer Ahamed** S/o Khaleel Sahib **2. Mrs. Shataj** W/o Shabeer Ahamed both are residing at No.79, Near Doddanna Apartment, Vitsandra Road, Lakshminagar, Bangalore-560068	All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.79, Khata No.109, property No.18, Eastern Portion of the Property of Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Vitsandra Road, Bangalore. measuring East to West 30feet, North to South 40 feet. Bounded By: **East:** Site No.78 **West:** Remaining Portion of Site No.79 **North:** Site No.80 **South:** Road	**Rs.40,03,200/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Three Thousand Two Hundred Only) **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.4,00,320/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Three Hundred Twenty Only)	**Rs. 38,56,935/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Only) as on **09/12/2020**	**29.01.2021 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 28.01.2021 before 7.00 P M.**
4.	**1) Mrs. Shanthi S W/o M S Seelan** No.316/3, 3rd B Cross, Opp. Ramanna Water Tank, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Assessment No.116/1, Site No.11, Southern portion of the site Laggere Grama, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore and measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet, totally measuring 600 sq. ft. **Bounded By: East:** Road, **West:** Site No.8, **North:** Site No.11 Northern Portion of the Site, **South:** Site No.12.	**Rs.55,32,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Only) **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.5,53,200/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Only)	**Rs. 42,28,001/-** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand One Only) as on **09/12/2020**	**30/01/2021 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 29.01.2021 before 7.00 P M.**
5.	**1) Mrs. Catherine P** W/o. T.R.Anandan **2) Mr. T R Anandan** H/o Catherine P **3) Mrs. Riji Anandan** D/o Catherine P **4) Mrs. Simi Anandan** D/o. Catherine P all are residing at No.479/B, Ananda Nilayam New Borewel Road, Annasandrapalya, Bangalore-560017.	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 2, Old No.110, Katha No.479/B, situated at Vibuthipura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP Ward No.81, (Vibhuthipura) Bangalore, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft.(as per BBMP Sanction plan) with construction building thereon. Bounded by: **East:** Road **West:** Channel, **North:** Site No.3, **South:** Site No.1	**Rs.1,03,73,400/- (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred Only) EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.10,37,340/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Only)**	**Rs. 1,00,30,379/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Three Hundred Seventy Nine Only) due and payable by you as on 09/12/2020**	**03/02/2021 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 02/02/2021 before 7.00 P M.**
6	**1) Mrs. Geetha** W/o Srinivas No. 25/1, Puttenahalli Palya, 7th Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore- 560078.	All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.46/1-3, House List No.3, Katha No.46/1, Puttenahalli Village, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the Jurisdiction of Bommanahalli, Sub Division, BBMP Bangalore Measuring East to West 50feet and North to South 30feet.Bounded By: **East:** Property No.4, **West:** Property No.2 **North:** Road, **South:** Private Property	**Rs.1,03,99,200/-** (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred Only) **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.10,39,920/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only)	**Rs. 17,05,658/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Five Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) as on **09/12/2020**	**05/02/2021 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 04/02/2021 before 7.00 P M.**
7.	**(1).Mr. N Srinivasa S/o Narayanappa** No.114, New No.54, 3rd Cross, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 **(2). Mrs. Rajeshwari B S** W/o N Srinivas No.36, 11th Cross, Adarshanagar, Gnanajyothi Nagar, Malathalli Area, Malathahalli, Bangalore **(3).Mrs. Jayamma** w/o Naryanappa No.114, New No.54, 3rd Cross, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040	All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.54, situated at 3rd Cross, Hosahalli, BBMP Ward No.34, (RPC Layout) with PID No.34-20-54, New PID No.124-W-0097-21, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 27feet and North to South 21feet in all totally measuring 567 sq. ft., with Construction building thereon. **Bounded By: East:** Road , **West:** Private Property, **North:** Property of Mallikarjunappa, **South:** Remaining Portion of Property No.54, belongs to Sri. Marappa.	**Rs.59,10,400/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Ten Thousand Three Hundred Forty One Only) **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.5,91,040/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Forty Only)	**Rs. 33,98,320/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Only) as on **09/12/2020**	**08/02/2021 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 06/02/2021 before 7.00 P M.**

(1) The Tender form can be collected from **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., No.651/A, 1st Main Road, D Block, 2nd Stage, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. (Ph. 080-23321923, 23328735)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore, Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)**In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore No.651/A, 1st Main Road, D Block, 2nd Stage, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No.080-23321923, 23328735) E-Mail:citizenbk@rediffmail.com

Date: 23.12.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (JR. DVN.) AND JMFC AT HOSAKOTE
C.Mis. No. 258 / 2020

BETWEEN : Rahaman Sharieff S/o Late Hassain Sharieff, aged about 60 years, R/at : 24, 3rd Cross, Modi Road, D.J. Halli, Amani Byrathikhane, Arabic College, Bangalore South, Bangalore ...**Petitioner**

-V/s- **The Thasildar,** (Birth and Death Registrar) Hosakote Taluk. ...**Respondent**

GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner is filed the above petition seeking the direction to the Thasildar, Hosakote Taluk for issuance of death certificate of petitioner's mother by name **Fathima Bi W/o Late Hassain Sharieff died on 31-3-1987**, in home at Bylnarasapura Village, Hosakote Taluk. The case is posted for the appearance for interested parties/publics on **30/01/2021 at 11 A.M.** Hence interested parties are hereby required to appear either in person or through pleader properly instructed in this behalf on 30/01/2021 at 11. A.M before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Hosakote, Bangalore Rural Dist. Failing which the above case will be disposed in your absence you may be placed ex-party.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 21st day of December 2020.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, Civil Judge & J.M.F.C., Hoskote.

HARENDRA, Advocates and Associates
College Road, M.V. Extension, Hosakote Town-562114.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **SRI. MURUGESH KUPPAN**, S/o Kuppan, aged about 45 years, R/at. No. 95/3, Ganesh Colony, Kelamangalam, Denkani Kote Taluk, Krishnagiri District. He has lost his original registered sale deed Vide registered document No. 2129/1995, dated: 21.08.1995, and registered documents No. 667/2007, dated: 11.12.2007 and registered document No.616/2008, Dated: 08.02.2008 and registered document No.2276/2013, Dated: 08.04.2013, all the documents are registered in the office of Kelamangalam, in respect of property bearing Plot No.36, formed in Sy No.516 and New Sy No.516/1, Total measuring 1200 Sq.fts, situated at Kothagondapalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District.

In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 17.12.2020 before the Inspector of police, Anekal Police station and the police taken complaint on file on 17.12.2020 in C-MISS No.222/2020, that my client has not created any charge over the properties covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after **7 days** from the date of this public notice.

VIKRAM .H.V, Advocate
No.7, 1st Floor, STB Complex, Near Civil Court, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District. Ph:9880462590.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to Notice that My client **Sri LOKESH .K,** S/o Late Kalegowda, Bangalore-19 is intending to purchase the scheduled property No. 11/1, Krishna Rao Sindiya Road, Old PID No/Khatha/Survey No. 50-9-11/1, BBMP Ward No. 143, Vishweshwarapuram, Bangalore from **D.K. SRIRAM,** S/o Late D.V. Krishnachar, Bangalore-76.

Any person having any manner of claim, rights, title & interest over the above said property are hereby notified to register their claims with copies of documents/ communicate the following Mob. No. 9980567156/9741080570 **within 15 (Fifteen) days** from this date of Public Notice.

If no claims or objections are registered, my client shall proceed & complete the sale transaction to purchase the above scheduled property, deemed to be free from all encumbrances. Any claims received beyond (after) 15 (fifteen days) will not be considered.

RAJASHEKARAPPA .J, Advocate
Mob. No. 9620031783, 9449180491

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **SRI. RAJANN KAPOOR,** S/o Ravi Kapoor, aged about 64 years, R/at. No. C004, Canopy, 7th cross, Baboos Palya, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043. He has lost his original registered sale deed Vide registered document No. 95/1999, dated: 11.01.1999, and registered in the office of Hosur Sub-Register office, in respect of property bearing Land No.54, Sy No. 57, situated at Choodaganapalli Village, Palavanapalli Panchayath, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri district.

In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 20.12.2020 before the Inspector of police, Anekal Police station and the police taken complaint on file on 20.12.2020 in C-MISS No.224/2020, that my client has not created any charge over the properties covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after **7 days** from the date of this public notice.

VIKRAM .H.V, Advocate
No.7, 1st Floor, STB Complex, Near Civil Court, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District. Ph:9880462590.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **SRI. MUTHU KUMAR .N,** S/o Nagaraj, aged about 46 years, R/at. No. 9/312/2, Meenakshi Nagar, Begepalli, Hosur Town, Krishnagiri District. He has lost his original registered sale deed Vide registered document No. 4880/1990, dated: 19.11.1990, and registered in the office of Hosur Sub-Register office, in respect of property bearing Plot No. 43, formed in Sy No.68/4, total measuring 1400 Sq.fts, situated at Govindra Agraharam Village, Begepalli Panchayath, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District.

In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 20.12.2020 before the Inspector of police, Anekal Police station and the police taken complaint on file on 20.12.2020 in C-MISS No. 225/2020, that my client has not created any charge over the properties covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after **7 days** from the date of this public notice.

VIKRAM .H.V, Advocate
No.7, 1st Floor, STB Complex, Near Civil Court, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District. Ph:9880462590.

IN THE COURT OF 9th ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU RURAL
G & WC NO. 21 of 2020

BETWEEN : B. Y. SRINATH
S/o Late Mr. Yallappa Reddy, Aged about 43 years, Representing my son Master **B. S. SUMANTH,** Aged about 16 years, Both R/at No. 23, Balagere Circle & Village, Panathur, Bengaluru – 560103 ...Petitioner
AND : NIL ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioner have made application to the Court seeking prior permission to transfer the Schedule A & B Property belonging to his son Master Sumanth under section 8(2) of The Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956 read with Section 29 of The Guardians and Wards Act, 1890. Interested persons are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a duly instructed counsel on **04th day of February 2021 at 11.00 Clock** in forenoon to show the cause against the application failing which the above said application may be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 23rd day December of 2020.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy. No. 70/2, measuring 20 Guntas of Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk converted under ALN (EVH) SR548/2007-08 dated 06/01/2001 for non-agricultural, residential purpose by the District Collector, Bangalore District, Bangalore and presently falling under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 149** and bounded on: **East by** : Property of Venkatamma, **West by** : Rajakaaluve, **North by** : Property of Vijaya Raghava Reddy, **South by** : Property of B Y Srinath with the Same Survey

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy. No. 70/2, measuring 04 Guntas of Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk converted under ALN (EVH) SR546/2007-08 dated 06/01/2001 for non-agricultural, residential purpose by the District Collector, Bangalore District, Bangalore and presently falling under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 149** and bounded on: **East by** : Property of Venkataswamy, **West by** : Sy. No. 70/2 remaining portion owned by Late. Yallappa Reddy, **North by** : Property with Survey No. 70/1, **South by** : Sy. No.70/2 remaining portion owned by Late. Yallappa Reddy.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
Chief Administrative Officer District & Sessions Court, Bangalore Rural District, B'lore- 560009

K. M. SUBAIR & PRAVEEN KAMATH,
Advocates, A.K.S LEGAL, No.151, 1st Main Road, M.L.A Layout, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore- 560 032.
Ph: 7795455621,
Email: advocatekamath@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF VETY.& A.H. SERVICES

E-TENDER NOTICE
Imphal, the 21st December, 2020

No. 1/NEC/M/3-Vety(Pt.): The Director, Vety. & A.H., Govt. of Manipur hereby invites E-Tender with 2 bid system i.e. Technical Bid consisting of all technical details and Price Bid indicating item-wise price of the items from all intending reputed and registered firms/ suppliers/distributors for supply Pregnant Murrah Buffalo Heifers (3-6 months) for implementation of the project "Adoption of Milch Murrah Buffalo in and around Loktak Lake under North Eastern Council (NEC) during the year 2020-21.

Specifications of each item are enclosed in the Annexure "I" and "II". Rates to be quoted are to be Free on Rail (F.O.R) destination of the concerned District of Manipur inclusive of GST and transportation charges.

The detail of the Tender will be available on the website **www.manipurtenders.gov.in**

Sd/- (H. Chaoba Singh)
Director, Vety.& A.H. Services, Manipur.

Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology & Research, Bengaluru
(Registered Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Bannerghatta Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar,
Bangalore -560069. Ph: 91-80-26647222,
Epabx: 22977266/698/699; Fax:+91-80-26647444
E-mail: infokidblr@gmail.com

No: KIER: TS: 02 : 2020-21 Date:21.12.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KIER invites tenders from eligible bidders for the supply of the following items in two bid system through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

1) KIER/TS/HKM/02/2020-21, Dt. 21.12.2020 : Supply of House Keeping materials.
2) KIER/TS/DS/03/2020-21, Dt. 21.12.2020 : Supply of Drugs & Solutions
3) KIER/TS/RMF/04/2020-21, Dt.21.12.2020: Supply of Remanufacturing Cartidges
4) KIER/TS/HPCTR/05/2020-21, Dt. 21.12.2020 : Supply of HP Cartidges
5) KIER/TS/KCTR/06/2020-21, Dt.21.12.2020: Supply of KYOCERA Cartidges
6) KIER/TS/STNRY/07/2020-21, Dt.21.12.2020: Supply of Stationery

E.M.D. and Security Deposit : As mentioned in the tender document. Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** : **23.12.2020**. Last date for submission of tenders : **05.01.2021 upto 4.00 p.m.,** Date of opening of Technical Bids : **07.01.2021 at 11.30 a.m.** For further details, contact office during office hours. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept / reject / cancel the Tender partially or fully without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
DIPR/DDU/JA/2153/2020-21 CAO, KIER, Bengaluru.

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New Tippasandra branch,622, 80 feet Road, 12th Main, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru 560008,Phone : 080-22958838, 22958839
Email:newtippasandra@indianbank.co.in

APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank,New tippasandra branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **25.01.2021,** for recovery of Rs. 42,30,002- (Rupees Forty two lakh thirty thousand and two only) as on 17.12.2020 due to the Indian Bank, New tippasandra branch, Secured Creditor, from **1. Smt.R.Anitha** w/o CMK Venkatesh, No.524, 3rd floor, House No 15, 19th cross, II nd Main , Viswapriya Layout, Bangalore 560068. **2. Sri CMK Venkatesh** s/o Kuppaiah, No. 524, 3rd floor, House No 15, 19th cross,II nd Main , Viswapriya Layout, Bangalore 560068.The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the property	**the Properties" Residential** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.32, with building constructed there on,New khata No. 1429, old khata no 1429/109/32 formed in converted land in Sy no 109/1 of Karivobhanahalli village (Land was converted into residential use vide official Memorandum bearing No ALN/N/Y SR/86/2012-13 dtd. 01.03.2013, passed by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore dt, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore north taluk within jurisdiction of BBMP,measuring East to west 40 ft and North to south 30 feet in all admeasuring 1200 sqft, and the property bounded on East by: Road ,West by:Site no 41, North by: Site no 33, South by: site no 31.
Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.37.00 lakhs
EMd Amount	Rs.3.70 lakh
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10000/-
Date and time of e-auction	25.01.2021 : Time 11 am to 2 pm
Property ID No	IDIB000N05

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstcecommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://ibapi.in and www.mstcecommerce.com.

Date 18.12.2020, Place:Bengaluru **Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

KMF
MOTHER DAIRY
G.K.V.K. POST, YELAHANKA, BANGALORE-560065
(A Unit of: Karnataka Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd)
e-mail: enggpur@motherdairykmf.in
Tele. No. 080-22179084. Fax: 080-28462652

TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENTS THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION

SECTION 1. INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) Date: 24-12-2020

Mother Dairy, Bangalore invites tenders from manufacturers / dealers / eligible tenderers for supply/Service of the following Equipments.

Sl. No.	Details of Equipments	Qty
Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-90/2020-21		
1	Supply, Installation & commissioning of 125KVA capacity Power generator for Bio-gas at ETP Section	01 Set
Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-91/2020-21		
2	Fabrication supply installation of SS cupboards with sink and granite top at Quality assurance section	01 Set
Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-92/2020-21		
3	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Mechanical lift prepack Section.	01 Set
Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-93/2020-21		
4	Fabrication supply installation of SS Double track Milk crate conveyor for Milk crate area at Prepack section	04Nos.
Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-94/2020-21		
5	Supply of 2 ton capacity Fully electric operated stacker for Mother Dairy.	01No

1) Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract. **2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website. Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address. Mother Dairy will not be held responsible for the website problems if any, last date submission or non-receipt of the same. **3)** Tenderer should pay the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), and tender processing fee, which shall be Paid online through e – Procurement Portal. **4)** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Date of commencement of **Tender Download: 28-12-2020** Pre bid meeting at Mother dairy, **date & time: 13-01-2021 at 11.00 am** Last date for submission of **Tender on or before 27-01-2021 upto 17.00 hrs** Date of opening of **Technical Tender: on 29-01-2021 at 11.00am.**

For MOTHER DAIRY
Sd/- DIRECTOR

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HDFC
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturaba Road, Bangalore - 560001. **Ph :** 080 41183000
Fax: 080 22275754, **E-mail :** customercare.bang@hdfc.com, **Website:** www.hdfc.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	**(1) Mrs. Aparna Rao** Wife of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased] (Borrower), Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, No.365, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, 8th Cross, 9th Main, Vidyaranyapur, Bangalore-560097. **(2) Mrs. Aparna Rao,** Wife of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased], Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, Bommepalli Village, Kadadanamari Post, Chinthamani Taluk, Chik Ballapur 563125. **(3) Mrs. Aparna Rao** Wife of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased], Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, #10, Bharath nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560097. **(4) Mrs. Aparna Rao** Wife of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased], Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, Site No 145, Curved Out of Sy No: 33/4, Katha No: 3033/145 New PID No: 003-W0871-15 Havyaka Brahmins Layout 2nd Stage, Opp Sambhram College Main Gate, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore 573216. **(5) Master Varchas A N Rao** Son of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased], Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, No.365, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, 8th Cross, 9th Main, Vidyaranyapur, Bangalore 560097. **(6) Master Varchas A N Rao** Son of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased], Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, Bommepalli Village, Kadadanamari Post, Chinthamani Taluk, Chik Ballapur 563125. **(7) Master Varchas A N Rao** Son of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased], Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, #10, Bharath nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560097, **(8) Master Varchas A N Rao** Son of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V, Site No 145, Curved Out Of Sy No: 33/4, Katha No: 3033/145 New PID No: 003-W0871-15, Havyaka Brahmins Layout 2nd Stage, Opp Sambhram College Main Gate, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore 573216, **(9) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased], Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V,** No.365, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, 8th Cross,9th Main, Vidyaranyapur, Bangalore 560097. **(10) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower)** [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V Bommepalli Village, Kadadanamari Post, Chinthamani Taluk, Chik Ballapur 563125. **(11) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Natesh B V (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Natesh B V,** Site No 145, Curved Out Of Sy No: 33/4, Katha No: 3033/145 New PID No: 003-W0871-15, Havyaka Brahmins Layout 2nd Stage, Opp Sambhram College Main Gate, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore 573216, **(12) Mrs. Aparna Rao (Co- borrower),** No.365, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, 8th Cross 9th Main, Vidyaranyapur, Bangalore 560097. **(13) Mrs. Aparna Rao,** Bommepalli Village, Kadadanamari Post, Chinthamani Taluk, Chik Ballapur 563125, **(14) Mrs. Aparna Rao,** #10, Bharath nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560097. **(15) Mrs. Aparna Rao,** Site No 145, Curved Out Of Sy No: 33/4, Katha No: 3033/145 New PID No: 003-W0871-15, Havyaka Brahmins Layout 2nd Stage, Opp Sambhram College Main Gate, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore 573216.	Loan A/c No: 620607307 Rs.19,90,931/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One Rupees Only) as on 30.11.2020	16.12.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.08.2019	All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No.145 carves out of Sy.No.41, Katha No.3033/145 (as per extract in form – B) New PID No.003-W0871-15, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North, measuring: East to West : 40 feet North to South : 30 feet, In all measuring 1200 sq.ft.and bounded on the East by : Road,West by : Private property, North by : Site No.144, South by : Site No.146. And any building construction there on.
2	**(1) Mr.Kishore K (Borrower),** 502, 5th Floor, Samenthana Lake Front, B Block, Bengaluru 560066, **(2) Mr. Kishore K,** Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Private Limited, Designation: Technical Solution C, Department: INT, Employee No.: 21719696, Kalyani Tech Park, Ebony Block, Magnolia Building Brooke, Field Whitefield, Bengaluru 560037. **(3) Mr. Kishore K,** Flat-B-402-Block-B, 4th Floor, Samethana Apartment, Samethanahalli, Annugundanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru 560067, **(4) Mr. Kishore K,** Flat-B0502, 5th Floor, Samethana Apartment, Samethanahalli, Annugundanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru 560067, **(5) Mrs. K Swapna (Co-Borrower),** 502, 5th Floor, Samenthana Lake Front, B Block, Bengaluru 560066, **(6) Mrs. K Swapna,** Bangalore International Academy, Designation: Mont Teacher, Department: Teaching, No.265/3 Whitefield Road, Samethanahalli, IOCL Road, Bengaluru 560067, **(7) Mrs. K Swapna,** Flat-B-402-Block-B, 4th Floor, Samethana Apartment, Samethanahalli, Annugundanahalli Hobli,Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru 560067, **(8) K Swapna,** Flat-B0502, 5th Floor, Samethana Apartment, Samethanahalli, Annugundanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru 560067.	Loan A/c No: 635565784 Rs.10,72,878/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Only) as on 30.11.2020	12.12.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 29.02.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No B0502 (Khatha PID No.150300402500520930) on the 5th Floor of "Block B", in the building known as "SAMETHANA LAKEFRONT", measuring 74.90 Sq.mtrs., (806 Sq.ft.) of super built up area including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with right to use Open Car Parking Space No.B0502 in the Ground Level together with 26.57 Sq.Mtrs. (286 sq.ft.) undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land on which this building is constructed situated at property bearing Sy.Nos.66/2 and 66/3 at Samethanahalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk.
3	**(1) Mr. Sunil Patil (Borrower),** House No 9-69, Dayanand Chowk, Near Basaveshwar Basavakalyan Taluk, Bidar 585327, **(2) Mr. Sunil Patil M/S M B Patil Motors,** Designation: Proprietor, Plot No 25/166 and 25/166A Main Road, Basavakalyana Bazar, Bidar 585327, **(3) Mr. Sunil Patil**, LIG-Flat-717/F7, KHB Flats, Out Right Sale Basis, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560063, **(4) Mrs. Sangeeta S Patil (Co-Borrower),** House No 9-69, Dayanand Chowk, Near Basaveshwar, Basavakalyan Taluk, Bidar 585327, (5) Mrs. Sangeeta S Patil M/S M B Patil, Designation: Business, Pharmaceutical Distributors, Hongunta , Basavakalyan 585327, **(6) Mrs. Sangeeta S Patil,** LIG-Flat-717/F7, KHB Flats, Out Right Sale Basis, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560063.	Loan A/c No: 605763885 Rs.18,16,713/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Only) as on 30.11.2020	16.12.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.07.2020	All the piece and parcel of residential LIG- Flat bearing No.717F7, having Built up area 871.13 Sq.Ft (80.93 Sq.mtr) LIG category, developed by Karnataka Housing Board, situated at Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore Urban District.
4	**(1) Mr. Kannan D (Borrower),** Old No 324/A, New #13, 1st Main, MES Colony, Behind MSIL, Old Airport Road, Bangalore Airport H A L, Bengaluru 560017, **(2) Mr. Kannan D Schenker India Private Limited,** Touch Down Building, First Floor, HAL Industrial Area, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru 560037, **(3) Mr. Kannan D,** No.4122, Block –XI, Third Floor, Janapriya Township Apartment, S No 10/1, Tavarekere (Magadi Road), Kadabagere Post Bengaluru 562130.	Loan A/c No: 361341579 Rs.2,22,838/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Only) as on 30.11.2020	16.12.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 30.04.2019	**Schedule of Property-A:** All that proportionate undivided share of land admeasuring 126.14 Sq.ft or 11.74 Sq.mtrs out of land admeasuring 26990 sq.ft or 2511 sq.mtrs covered by Block Nos. XI, XIV and XVII in JANAPRIYA TOWNSHIP situated at survey No.10/1, khata Nos.192 and 193, Kadabagere Village, Machohalli Village Pannchayat, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk are bounded by North:Road, South : Road, East : Open space for Park, West : Open space for setback, **Schedule of Property –B:** All that Flat No.4122 in Third Floor in Block No. XI with a Super Built –up Area of 565 Sq.ft with Mosaic flooring & with steel windows in JANAPRIYA TOWNSHIP situated at Survey No.10/1, Khata Nos.192 and 193, Kabagere Village, Machohalli Village Pannchayat, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk are bounded by North : Flat No.4123B, South : Open to Sky, East : Passage to Staircase, West: Open to Sky
5	**(1) Mrs. Nagaratna B V (Borrower),** #41, 4th Block, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Near RR School, Muneshwara Swamy Layout, Vidyaranyapura Post, Chikkabettahalli Post, Bengaluru 560097, **(2) Mrs. Nagaratna B V,** Krish Software Services India Private Limited Designation: Technical Lead, Designation: Development, Employee No.: K1N03, #22, 4th Floor, Salarpuria Tower-I Hosur Main Road, Kormangala 6th Block Main, Bengaluru 560095, **(3) Mrs. Nagaratna B V,** B-201 Second Floor, ND Passion Elite,Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Taluk, Bengaluru 571442, **(4) Mr. Govindaraju K (Co-Borrower),** #41, 4th Block, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Near RR School, Muneshwara Swamy Layout, Vidyaranyapura Post, Chikkabettahalli Post, Bengaluru 560097, **(5) Mr. Govindaraju K,** Bharat Electronics Limited, Designation: Senior Technicain-A, Designation: Quality Analyst, Employee No.: 211297, Jalhalli, Bengaluru 560013, **(6) Mr. Govindaraju K**, B-201 Second Floor, ND Passion Elite, Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Taluk, Bengaluru 571442,	Loan A/c No: 626088326 Rs.1,10,49,294/- Loan A/c No: 627547177: Rs.3,73,818/- Total : Rs.1,14,23,112/- (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Twelve Only) as on 30.11.2020	16.12.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.07.2019	All that piece and parcel of residential 3 bed room apartment bearing No.201, on the Ground Floor, in B Block, of the apartment building known as "ND PASSION ELITE ", having a super built up area of 1850 Sq. Feet along with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 574 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing (i) Survey No.87/1 measuring 1 acre 16 guntas, (ii) Survey No.87/2 measuring 39 guntas, (iii) Survey No.88/2 measuring 18 guntas, situated in Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru along with easementary rights over passages, lobbies, staircases and other common areas in the said property.
6	**(1) Mr. Manjunath Shivashankaran B (Borrower),** F.No- 1405-3401/3402, 4th Floor, Anriya Palatial Apartment, No 8, Sy No 2/4, Lottegollahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Tq, Bengaluru 560092, **(2) Mr. Manjunath Shivashankaran B,** Designation: Proprietor, No 31, 2nd Floor, Vinayaka Arcade,Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560003, **(3) Mr. Manjunath Shivashankaran B,** No 10/3, Flat No 302, Shopping Street, Montreal Manor Apts, KPW Serpentine Road, Bengaluru 560020, **(4) Mrs. Surekha Manjunath (Co-Borrower),** No 10/3, Flat No 302, Shopping Street, Montreal Manor Apts, KPW Serpentine Road, Bengaluru 560020, **(5) Mrs. Surekha Manjunath, Mr.B.S.Manjunath** Designation: Admin, No 31, 2nd Floor, Vinayaka Arcade, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560003, **(6) Mrs. Surekha Manjunath,** F.No- 1405-3401/3402, 4th Floor, Anriya Palatial Apartment, No 8, Sy No 2/4, Lottegollahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Tq, Bengaluru 560092.	Loan A/c No: 367331231 Rs.1,05,83,154/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Four Only) as on 30.11.2020	17.12.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 30.04.2020	**Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing assessment No.2/4, situated at Lottegollagalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, bearing municipal No.8, situated at 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Lottegollahalli, BBMP Ward No.100, Bangalore-560004, measuring 52,000 Sq.ft, with BBMP PID No.100-53-8 and bounded on the; East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Road. **Schedule "B" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the portion of the property bearing assessment No.2/4, situated at Lottegollagalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, bearing municipal No.8, situated at 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Lottegollahalli, BBMP Ward No.100, Bangalore-560004, measuring 30,000 Sq.ft and bounded on the; East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.2/4, South by : Road. Schedule "C" Property : An extent of 3.94% undivided right, title and interest in land in Schedule- B- Property measuring approximately 1182 Sq.ft **Schedule "D" Property :** Flat No.1405 comprising of old Flat No.3401 (Item No.1) hereunder and old Flat No.3402 (Item No.2) hereunder, in 4th floor, measuring 4240 sq.ft of super built-up area, along with the two car parking space bearing Nos.1405 B and 1405 A, respectively at the lower and upper basement level morefully set out as Item No.1 and Item No.2 mentioned hereunder: **Item-1 :** Flat No.3401, in 4th floor in the Apartment measuring 2120 sq.ft of super built-up area containing living, Dining, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, 2 toilets, proportionate share of common area and one car parking space bearing No.1405 B in Lower basement contained in the Multistoried residential building known as " ANRIYA PALATIAL" constructed on the Schedule B Property in Schedule A Property. **Item-2 :** Flat No.3402, in 4th floor in the Apartment measuring 2120 sq.ft of super built-up area containing living, Dining, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, 2 toilets, proportionate share of common area and one car parking space bearing No.1405 A in Upper basement contained in the Multistoried residential building known as " ANRIYA PALATIAL" constructed on the Schedule B Property in Schedule A Property.
7	**(1) Mr. Nagaraj Vijay Bhadravathi (Borrower),** No 4, Muddulingeshwara Nilaya, 1st A Cross, 25th Main Road, Kalappa Block, Srinagar, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru 560050, **(2) Mr. Nagaraj Vijay Bhadravathi,** Allegis Services India Private Limited, Designation: Sr Technical Writer, Designation: Operations, Employee No.: Cp9682, 3rd Floor Shopper Stop Bld, Commerce Mantri, N S Palya, Bengaluru 560076, **(3) Mr. Nagaraj Vijay Bhadravathi,** Flat-G-06, Ground Floor, S2 Avantikaa Apartment, S No 1/1, Chikkadunnasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru 562125.	Loan A/c No: 627697204 Rs.50,51,221/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Only) as on 30.11.2020	18.12.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.01.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing No. G06, on the Ground Floor, of the apartment building known as "S2 AVANTIKAA", having built up area of 935.36 Sq. feet and super built up area of 1201 Sq. feet, with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 372.31 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy No.1/1, situated at Chikkadunnasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, converted to residential purpose by order No.ALN SR(A) 47/95-96 D.T.26/06/2013 from the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore District.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

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Date: 24.12.2020
Place: Bangalore

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
437.49	Sensex	46,444.18	₹15	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,141	₹1,500	Per kg	₹70,500	Dollar		73.76
134.8	Nifty	13,601.10	₹12	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,713	₹1.5	Per gm	₹70.5	Euro		89.92

Digital loan sharks lay death-trap for debtors

The banking regulator cautions people against unauthorised digital lending apps and their coercive recovery tactics

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

A spate of recent cases where borrowers allegedly ended their lives following humiliation by app-based financiers have brought into sharp focus the risks of instant digital lending in India. This year alone, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cautioned people against unauthorised digital lending apps at least thrice, but the coercive recovery tactics being used by these lenders to get their money back continue in the absence of a sharper regulation. In fact, social activists, who are in touch with such borrowers facing similar issues say, most of these apps are funded by Chinese companies.

"We have received 45,000 complaints where borrowers are being harassed for repayment by loan apps," said Pravin Kalaiselvan, chairman of Save Them India Foundation. The foundation has also filed a public interest litigation in the Supreme Court against such apps. While there are illegal moneylenders who have been operating for ages and typically lend against gold ornaments or property to low-income groups, these entities give loans against data. Kalaiselvan says that these apps download contact lists, photos and other data from borrowers' phones— the consent for which the borrowers need to give while taking loans through these apps. While these portals fulfil a very real need for quick and painless loans to tide people over for short periods, the predatory interest rates are a cause of worry. Users of such loan apps are given a very small amount and tenure with rates ranging from 25-38 per cent.

Former RBI deputy governor R Gandhi likened this practice similar to methods adopted by microlenders in Andhra Pradesh in 2007 which plunged an entire industry into crisis. "They are violating customers' dignity and basic principles are not being followed," he said.

During the pandemic, there has been a sharp rise in both borrowings and defaults. To lend, the apps must be tied up with a NBFC, but often these apps are start-ups with skeletal teams. The banking regulator on Wednesday also asked the public to verify the antecedents of the company offering loans online or through mobile apps.

RBI Guv asks banks to build up lending capacity

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das has asked banks to take proactive measures to strengthen their resilience and lending capacity by raising capital. During a two-day meeting with heads of banks, including the private sector lenders, the governor emphasised on the need to remain vigilant and make provisions against bad loans proactively. Current economic situation and outlook, rate cut and monetary policy transmission and liquidity situation were also discussed.

Despite an uptick in sales in the last 3 months, the current market conditions remain unpredictable... HCIL has thus decided to consolidate its operations

Gaku Nakanishi, President & CEO, HCIL

Honda Cars halts production in Greater Noida

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JAPANESE carmaker Honda Cars (HCIL) on Wednesday confirmed stopping production at its Greater Noida facility amid slowdown expected in the Indian passenger vehicle market. HCIL will now consolidate its manufacturing operation for vehicles and components at its Tapukara plant in Rajasthan for all domestic sales and exports.

"Despite an uptick in sales in the last three months, the current market conditions remain unpredictable for the industry at large. The impact of COVID-19 has pressed us to strengthen our constitution, and to achieve the same, HCIL has decided to consolidate its manufacturing operations by making the Tapukara plant a unified manufacturing base," said Gaku Nakanishi, President & CEO, HCIL. The decision by Honda comes at a time when the Indian Government has been aggressively trying to attract investment in the manufacturing sector and create jobs. According to reports, Honda employed about 2,000 workers in the manufacturing department of its oldest facility in Greater Noida that had the capacity to produce one lakh cars per annum.

"HCIL continues to believe in the resilience of the Indian economy and hope for a quicker recovery of the market. India is an extremely important market in Honda's global strategy and HCIL is committed to bring its latest and advanced technology models including electrified vehicles in future," said Nakanishi.

This is also not the first time when a foreign automaker has decided to realign its business in the Indian market. In recent times, Ford India also decided to form partnership with Mahindra & Mahindra while Volkswagen has put forward its Skoda brand to stay relevant here. American automaker General Motors, which ceased domestic operations in 2017, is expected to shutter its factory in Maharashtra this week.

NORMS NOTIFIED

In-person verification must for GST registration

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THE Finance Ministry has notified new norms for GST registration in a bid to check the menace of fake invoices.

According to new norm, if the applicant has opted for Aadhaar-based authentication, then every application will be followed by biometric-based Aadhaar authentication and taking photograph. In case the applicant does not go for first option, then the process involves taking biometric information, photograph an as well as verification of various KYC (Know Your Customer) documents.

Authentication will be done at one of the Facilitation Centres notified by the Commissioner. This amendment will come into effect from a date to be notified in near future after setting up of facilitation centres on the lines of Passport Seva Kendras or Aadhaar Seva Kendras.

The new norms have been prepared on the basis of recommendations of Law Committee of GST Council. The new timeline for grant of registration for Aadhaar authenticated applicant is now 7 days for proper scrutiny of application. To counter the cases of fake invoices, in a few risky cases where a person has successfully undergone Aadhaar authentication, some additional physical verification may be carried out with the approval of an officer, authorized by the Commissioner. The timeline for grant of registration in such cases would now be of 30 days.Under the new arrangement, the suspension and cancellations would be based on data analytics.

Besides, businesses with monthly turnover of over ₹50 lakh will also have to mandatorily pay at least 1 per cent of their GST liability in cash. This change will come into effect from January 1, 2021. In cases where GSTIN is suspended, no refund under section 54 of the CGST Act 2017 can be availed by taxpayers.

Income of 3 lakh households affected

A study by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad has revealed the closure of the iron ore mining industry in Goa has impacted revenues worth over ₹3,400 crore with household income level witnessing at least 50-30 per cent drop across talukas. Mining in Goa came to a halt in March 2018 after the Supreme Court quashed the renewal of 88 mining leases. Post-closure, savings of three lakh households depended on mining in Goa have fallen drastically, It has also resulted in loss of lakhs of direct and indirect employment.

Govt moots raising floor price for iron ore as steel prices shoot up

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

AMID soaring steel prices, the government is mulling raising floor prices for iron ore and bringing in checks to see that high-grade iron ore which is banned from being exported are not being shipped.

Nitin Gadkari, Shipping, ports and highways minister, among others has written to the Prime Minister pointing out that a 55 per cent surge in steel prices has raised project costs. Steel makers were forced to raise prices four times during the October- December quarter.

Companies involved in making steel point out that the domestic iron ore prices have increased by 120 per cent and are now averaging about ₹8,000 per tonne, causing them severe cost escalation. State-run miner NMDC has increased prices of iron ore twice last month.

Officials held inter-ministry consultations on ways to cool down both iron ore and steel prices as the Commerce Ministry officials said they were in talks with the steel ministry to try to work out a via media. "Floor prices are being considered as also stricter checks to see that high grade iron ore is not being exported by mis-labelling them as fines as is being alleged," said officials.

Part of the reason for the surge in ore prices is because China has increased its offtake resulting in iron exports from India rising by 73 per cent in April-November as compared to the same period last year.

Analysts say China is stepping up investments in infrastructure projects to beat the pandemic-driven slowdown and has at the same time stopped importing ore from Australia in a bid to punish it and hence India has become its main source. Robust demand from China is driving up prices and "we can expect the shortage to remain into the next year," said Saurabh Bhatnagar, Partner and National Leader, Metals & Mining, EY India.

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Commerce ministry officials

EXPRESS READ

Paytm's FY20 loss narrows to ₹2,942.3 cr

NEW DELHI: One97 Communications Ltd, which operates Paytm, saw its losses narrow to ₹2,942.36 crore in the financial year ended March 2020, according to regulatory documents. The company had registered a consolidated loss of ₹4,217.2 crore for the financial year ended March 2019, according to Registrar of Companies filing shared by market intelligence firm Tofler.

AU Small Finance Bank launches app

NEW DELHI: AU Small Finance Bank (AU Bank) on Wednesday said it has launched a new mobile banking app and a net banking portal. The new platforms will offer over 100 services that cater to not only regular banking needs but also daily lifestyle requirements such as ticket booking, bill payments, tax payments and shopping offers, the bank said in a statement.

IT stocks rally on the back of huge deal wins by Infy, Wipro

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THE Information technology (IT) stocks hogged the limelight on the bourses on Wednesday after IT majors Infosys and Wipro bagged mega multi-year contracts from Germany's Daimler AG and Metro AG, respectively. The S&P BSE IT index surged 2.34 per cent. Among individual stocks, Wipro's stock on BSE touched a 20 year high at ₹385.4, a 5.9 per cent increase from the previous close of ₹364. The IT service provider's shares had previously touched this price during 2000s.

On the other hand, Infosys' share touched ₹1252.95, a 2.64 per cent high from the previous close of ₹1220.7. Infosys' 52 week high share price on BSE stood at ₹1,259. All other stocks were also trading in green with TCS' closing at ₹2,907.2, a 1.27 per cent increase from the previous close. Even mid-tier IT firms — Mindtree, L&T Infotech, Happiest Minds, Tech Mahindra rallied to hit record highs on both BSE and NSE after analysts upgraded their third quarter earnings for the current financial year (Q3 FY21).

Motilal Oswal said that Infosys was one of the fastest, and the most consistent wealth creators between 1995-2020. The deal wins by Wipro and Infosys, according to the brokerage, will be pivotal in increasing their penetration in Europe, which has historically lagged the US in outsourcing adoption. The deal wins also reinforces a positive stance on the IT services industry. "Despite rich valuations, we remain positive on the sector alluding to the multi-year growth cycle awaiting the sector," it said.

Retail credit experiences more serious delinquencies

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RETAIL credit has experienced a spike in serious delinquencies, with loans against property and credit cards being the most affected segments, says a report by a credit information bureau (CIBIL) on Wednesday.

"Credit cards delinquency rates reflected the wider economic slowdown, salary cuts and job losses caused by the pandemic. Further, credit cards often have a lower payment priority, with consumers choosing to pay other credit accounts first," the bureau said.

As of August-end, the loans overdue for over 90 days in the credit card segment were 0.51 per cent up from the year-ago period at 2.32 per cent, while the same for the loans against property was 0.34 per cent up at 3.96 per cent, Transunion Cibil said.

For Loan against Property, a product generally used by small businesses as working capital finance, delinquencies had already been on the rise prior to COVID-19. The bureau said in the case of auto loans and personal loan segments, there has been an improvement from a delinquency perspective. From a lending institution perspective, retail loans extended by non-bank finance companies (NBFCs), which typically take riskier loan bets, reported a 0.49 per cent increase in delinquencies in August as compared with the year-ago period, while the same improved 0.28 per cent for state-run lenders and 0.10 per cent for their private sector counterparts.

The report also highlighted that demand for retail credit has been growing lately and in November, retail credit demand (as measured by inquiry volumes) was back to almost 93 per cent of the levels observed in November 2019, it said.

PSU banks saw the biggest rebound in inquiries in the unlock phase, as they were early in recommencing operations than their peers, while private banks have witnessed a positive growth in inquiry volumes for the first time in November.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹510.5

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—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Airtel defeats Jio in subscriber additions for second straight month

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BHARTI Airtel beat Reliance Jio in terms of new subscriber additions—a key metric for the intensely competitive but highly saturated mobile telephone sector. According to data released by telecom regulator TRAI on Wednesday, Tlthe Sunil Bharti Mittal-led company added 3.67 million new customers in October, taking its total wireless customer base to 330.28 million. Jio, on the other hand, added 2.22 million new mobile customers, taking its total subscriber base to 406.35 million. All other telecom operators—Vodafone Idea, BSNL, and MTNL—continued to see their user bases eroding.

This is the second straight month during which Airtel has pipped Jio in terms of subscriber addition, a crucial shift in trends from earlier when Jio had expanded at top notch speed, consistently leading user addition numbers for nearly three years straight. However, with prices beginning to go up starting last December and the fading away of uncertainty following the resolution of the AGR case has allowed Airtel to ramp up its network investments. According to analysts, Airtel has also managed to increase users in the more lucrative premium customer segments.

However, the wired broadband market—heavily underpenetrated and where JioFiber is trying to expand services into the less-served semi-urban and rural markets—saw the Mukesh Ambani-led firm add on the most subscribers at 2,45,912. This was followed by Bharti Airtel at 48,397, VIL with 9,400, and Quadrant with 5,198 customers. Overall wireline connections, however, fell to 19.99 million from 20.08 million in September. The biggest loser was consequently state-owned BSNL.

Tepid growth in Nov

India's pharma industry registered a tepid growth at 1% (YoY) in November led by fall in volumes even as prices and product launches remained steady. Profitability has improved in H1 FY21 owing to lesser overheads like marketing

Pharma revenues to remain healthy

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MARGINS and revenues of the pharmaceutical sector are expected to remain healthy in the next financial year ending March 2023 with minimal impact of Covid-19 coupled with continuous API/KSM (Key Starting Materials) supplies from China, according to a report by ICRA. The ratings agency also predicts stable credit flow for leading pharma players in view of future growth prospects in regulated markets and strong balance sheets.

Despite muted growth in Q1 FY21, the revenues in Q3, are expected to grow by 7-9 per cent and in the range of 8-11 per cent for FY21 hough lower incidences of acute diseases, lesser OPDs and elective surgeries may continue to have some bearing on growth and will depend upon the course of the pandemic. The API/KSM (Key Starting mAterials) supplies from China, which were initially hit due to the Covid-19, have resumed gradually since March 2020 and are nearing the normalcy levels. Approximately 60 per cent of the APIs/KSM consumed, is imported from China. Production disruptions owing to restrictions in mobility of manpower and materials eased after the first few weeks of the lockdown. At present, the production has reached 90-95% of the pre-Covid levels.

The trend is expected to reverse once the pandemic situation resolves and FY22 margins will remain in line with the pre-Covid level, it added.

India records M&A, PE deals worth $80 bn in 2020

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DESPITE the Covid-19 pandemic, values of private equity (PE) investments and merger & acquisitions (M&A) have witnessed an annual growth of seven per cent in 2020 to little over $80 billion as compared to $74.8 billion in the previous year. Strategic deals or M&A accounted for over 50 per cent of the total deal value, while PE activity kept pace with last year, recording investments worth $38.2 billion, according to a latest PwC report.

About 25 per cent of this deal value is attributed to inbound investments in Reliance Jio Platforms. Facebook invested around $ 5.7 billion in Jio Platforms for nearly a 10 per cent stake – possibly one of the largest deals to be completed during the lockdown. This was followed by a $ 4.5 billion investment from Google for a 7.7 per stake in Jio Platform. Reliance Retail Ventures' acquisition of Future Group for $3.3 billion was the largest domestic deal recorded in 2020.

In total, 2020 recorded 17 deals in the billion-dollar bracket, nearly double the number of such deals (nine) recorded in 2019. Sector wise, telecom replaced technology in the top position by attracting investments worth $11.2 billion. Retail was also a new entrant, attracting investments worth $ 6.5 billion.

The report added due to Covid-19 led disruption the investment community expects bad loans to spike again creating a very lucrative opportunity. "In the interest of recovery, it is very likely that good-quality assets will be made available at attractive valuations, driving funds and strategic players to pursue these distressed situations... it added.

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PwC report

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Asset Recovery Branch,
No.1/1, Ground Floor, Jeevan Sampige, 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003.

Corrigendum to Sale Notice

Kindly refer to our SARFAESIA sale notice **dated 11-12-2020** intimating sale of 4 properties of our **NPA borrower M/S Advaith Bio Remedies** which was published on **15/12/2020** in The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha. In the notice, we have erroneously mentioned the name of **Ms. Vidya Rani B and Mr. B.S. Amarnath** as guarantors of the account, we hereby intimate the deletion of their names from the sale notice mentioned above. All other details remain same.

Date: 23.12.2020 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru Union Bank of India

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
Tender Notice
No.TBM-SG-CN-2020-21-09-OT
Dated: 19.12.2020

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram invites e-tender for the following works:

Name of the work: **Provision of Dual Detection Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) between Tambaram and Chengalpattu stations of Chennai Division in connection with Tambaram-Chengalpattu 3rd line work**
Cash value in Rupees: **16,26,61,653/-**
Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): **9,63,300/-**
Last Date and time of submission of e-Tender through IREPS site: **11.01.2021 upto 11.00 hrs**
Cost of Tender Document (Rs.): **Nil**
Period of Completion in month(s): **Nine**
Tenderers can view full details of tender and submit their offer at the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** of Indian Railways.
Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only.
The supply/work is subject to GST rules applicable from time to time.

Dy.CHIEF SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION ENGINEER/ CONSTRUCTION / S.Rly., TAMBARAM, CHENNAI, 600045.
Follow us on : twitter.com/@GMSRailway

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of C. S. Umai Habiba that the property as more particularly described in the schedule hereunder is intended to be Sold by the above clients and they have decided to Sell the said scheduled property. Therefore any person(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, lien, license hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or Award or otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at their office at **No. 109, 1st Floor, D. K. Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-01, Ph: 9845131550** within a period of **15 days** (both days inclusive) of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE immoveable property portion carved out in No. 34/8 situated at Thanisandra Village K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore. Presently Known as No. 3, Thuba Layout, Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore Taluk having new PID No. 006-W0497-35, and 34/8/3 presently comes under BBMP Ward No. 6, Thanisandra Bangalore and bounded on the:

East by: Remaining portion of the same Property, West by: 20 Feet Road, North by: Private Property, South by: 40 Feet Road.

Measuring East to West on the Northern Side 37.06 feet on the Southern Side 36.36 feet and North to South on the Eastern Side 89.64 feet and on the Western Side 87.69 feet, and totally measuring Square feet with compound wall and one square Acc in all 3255. Square feet with compound wall and one square Acc house with basic amenities which is above the surface and below the soil.

Sd/-
For **LEGAL AXIS**
M.D. RAGHUNATH, Advocate
109, 1st Floor, D.K Street,
Shivajinagar, Bangalore-1.
Bangalore Dt. 24.12.2020

UJVN Limited

H .O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808; Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN NO. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com

RO. No. 844 **e-procurement Tender Notice** Date: 22.12.2020

For and on behalf of UJVN Limited, Executive Engineer PCM(GV) Mayapur Haridwar invites online bids from interested bidders Brief summary of tenders given below:-

1. Tender Notice Reference
NIT No - 10/2020-21/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur - Construction of 6 Nos TWO BHK (Type III) Residences at Mohammadpur Power House Colony. **NIT No - 11/2020-21/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur** - Construction of 4 Nos 3 BHK (Type IV) Residences at Pathri Power House Colony at Pathri
2. Estimated value of Tender - Rs. 1,74,60,008.83 & Rs. 1,59,14,428.71 Lac respectively
3. Date of availability of bid document on website - 21.12.2020 from 17.00 Hrs.
4. Last date for submission of bids on website - 11.01.2021 upto 17.00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"http://uktenders.gov.in"**

Executive Engineer PCM (GV), Mayapur, Haridwar

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

STATE HEALTH AGENCY (SHA KERALA)

5th & 8th Floor, Artech Meenakshi Plaza
Opp. Govt. W & C Hospital, Thycaud,
Thiruvananthapuram - 695 014
E mail - statehealthagencykerala@gmail.com
web : www.sha.kerala.gov.in
Ph. No. 0471 4063121

Tender id : 2020_SHA_402124_1

e - Tender Notice

Online Bids are invited from Eligible Third Party Administrators/Implimentations Support Agencies (Licensed with IRDA) for implementation of **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM - JAY) - Karunyaroga Suraksha Padhathi (KASP)** in Publice Hospitals. For details on e-Bid submissionand tender document, visit the e-procurement portal (http://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in) and SHA's official website (www.sha.kerala.gov.in). Last date for submission of the completed e-bid documents: 08.01.2021 (upto 16.00 hrs)

Date : 23.12.2020

Sd/-
Executive Director (SHA)

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 15,17,19, 20, 25/2020-21/SRI/NTR. Procurement of (1) 49 nos Laboratory Refrigerators (2) 28 nos Fully Automatic Vertical Autoclaves, (3) 26 Nos. Microbiological Incubators with natural convection, (4) 10 Nos. Inclined Binocular Microscopes, (5) 8 Nos. Electronic Top Loading Precision Balances for various Quality Control Laboratories of Kerala Water Authority. EMD : Rs. 50000/-, 50000/-, 50000/-, 8850/-, 11800/- by online (e-payment). Tender fee : Rs. 2500, 2500, 2500, 750, 950. Last Date for submitting Tender : 15-01-2021 03:00:pm. Phone : 0484-2702278. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in**, **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

Superintending Engineer
SRI Circle, Nettoor
KWA-JB-GL-6-689-2020-21

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SAUNDATTI-591126

Website: saundattitown.gov.in, e-mail: itstaff_ulb_saundatti@yahoo.co.in
(Phone / Fax: No. 08330-222226), Dt. Belagavi, State : Karnataka

Sl. No.: SDT/TS/SFC/Special/15thFinance/2020-21 Date: 22.12.2020

E-Procurement Tender Notification

The Chief Officer, Town Municipal Concil invites tenders from eligible tenders Registered in PWD / CPWD for the works of Indent No.: **DMA/2020-21/OW_WORK_INDENT 110436, DMA/2020-21/IND11316** in Standard Tender Document through E-Procurement portal for further details visit online website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The details of the time table of tenders are as follows.

(1) Last date for Queries: **30.12.2020** at **4:30 p.m.** (2) Pre-bid Meeting: **04.01.2021** up to **11:00 a.m.** in the office of TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SAUNDATTI. (3) Last date for Submission of Tender: **22.01.2021** up to **5:00 p.m.** (4) Last date of opening of Technical bid: **25.01.2021** upto **5:00 p.m.** in the office of TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SAUNDATTI. (5) Last date of opening of Financial bid: **28.01.2021** up to **5:00 p.m.** in the office of TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SAUNDATTI.

Sd/-
Chief Officer
TMC Saundatti

DIPR/BGM/990/AAA/2020-21

Sd/-
President
TMC Saundatti

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to public that, I Alphonse S/o Late Joseph, R/at No.41, I.T.C. Colony, Jeevanahalli, Cox-Town, Bangalore-560005., Mobile No.9731148316, state that, **I have lost the following original documents pertaining to property No.41, S.I.H.S., ITC Colony, Jeevanahalli, Bangalore- 560005.,** and they are;-

(i) Original Gift Deed dated 13.01.2005, bearing document No. SHV-1-05098-2004-05, registered in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore.

The aforesaid documents have been lost by me and in this connection I have lodged a police complaint regarding loss of document with the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bangalore-2, and assigned Lost Report No. 164840/2020, dated 17.12.2020, and therefore, finder is requested to contact me for handing over of original documents to me. Suitable award will be given.

LOST

I, **S. Balakrishna S/o Sundareswara**, residing at 165/D, 5th Main, 3rd Phase, J.P Nagar, Bengaluru, have lost Sale deed of my house registered by Ramanjaneya, Secretary, Mysore Urban Development Authority, document No. **1602/2002-03** dated 10.04.2002, while transit in 3rd Phase, J.P Nagar on **29.10.2020**. This information has been reported to Bengaluru Police vide report no **137373/2020.** Finders please contact: **8880846666**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my Clients **Sri. VINOD KUMAR. S.** Son of Sri. Sampath and **Smt. PADMAVATHI. S.,** Wife of Sri. Sampath. R., have come forward to purchase the schedule property from its Owners **Sri. SURESH BABU. M.,** Son of Late. Murugeshan and **Smt. ANITA. A.,** Wife of Sri. Suresh Babu. M., Both are Residing at : 6/27, 2nd Cross, Hennur Road, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore - 560 084.

Apart from the said Owners if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s to this sale transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of documents supporting their objection/s with the undersigned, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objections received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Property bearing **Site. No. 221,** Katha No. 17/221, BBMP Sl. No. Old No. 1162, Formed out of Property No. 17, Situated at **BYRATHI VILLAGE,** Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, (earlier Bangalore South Taluk), now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, (BBMP), Bangalore, measuring **East to West : 40 Feet** and **North to South : On the Eastern Side 39 Feet, On the Western Side 35.5 Feet,** in all measuring **1490 Square Feet** and bounded on:-

East by: Road, West by: Site. No. 181, North by: Private Property, South by: Site. No. 220.

Sd/- PRADEEP.M, B. Com, LLB
Advocate
No. 182, Old KEB Road,
Anjaneya Temple Street, Dodda Banaswadi,
Bangalore - 560 043.
Mob : 9945332706, 9980049085

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Superintending Engineer PWD/WRO., Vaippar Basin Circle, Virudhunagar.
TENDER DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED
AMENDMENT No.01/VBC/ 2020-2021 / Date : 22.12.2020.

This office Tender Notice No. 06/VBC/C.T-N/2020-2021/Dated.26.11.2020, the tender date was fixed on **30.12.2020** at **3.00 PM** and Pre Qualification application alone opened at **3.30 PM** on the same day is hereby extended to **19.01.2021** at **3.00 PM** and PreQualification application alone will be open at **3.30 PM** on the same day.

The tender schedule for these works will also be available for sale upto **18.01.2021** at **5.45 PM.** All other conditions are remain unaltered.

For further details and tender documents visit the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and **www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/ 4896 /TENDER/2020

Superintending Engineer PWD/WRO., Vaippar Basin Circle, Virudhunagar.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 16,18,21,22,24 /2020-21/SRI/NTR. Procurement of (1) 10 Nos Rectangular Water Bath, (2) 8 nos Stirred Serological Water Bath, (3) 8 Nos. Hot Air Oven with Natural convection, (4) 22 Nos. UV Visible Spectrophotometer, (5) 8 Nos. All Quartz Double Distillation Unit-Vertical for various Quality Control Laboratories of Kerala Water Authority. EMD : Rs. 12850/-, 9700/-, 40700/-, 50000/-, 50000/- by online (e-payment). Tender fee : Rs. 1050, 800, 2500, 5000, 2500. Last Date for submitting Tender : 15-01-2021 03:00:pm. Phone : 0484-2702278. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in**, **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

KWA-JB-GL-6-688-2020-21 Superintending Engineer, SRI Circle, Nettoor

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064.
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in. E-Tender website:www.ireps.gov.in

E.TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/M/SAFETY/OT/20-21/06 dtd 22/12/2020

E-TENDER :- On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works).

Tender No. & Name of the work	Estimated Value/EMD(Rs)
RWF/M/SAFETY/OT/20-21/06 Dtd 22/12/2020 Conducting Fire Safety Audit in Rail Wheel Factory (RWF) for the following areas - Factory Area, Admin Building, Railway Hospital, Technical Training Centre, General Stores Depot and Wards. (Including Transportation cost).	4,99,800/- 10,000/-

Date &Time of Closing of Tenders : 22/01/21 at 15.00 Hrs, Completion Period : 04 Months
This tender notice can be viewed on our website "www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in".

CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER

RUPEEK CAPITAL PVT. LTD.

45/B, Shubham Complex, 1st A Main, J P Nagar 3rd Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public in general, are hereby notified that private sale/auction of the gold ornaments pledged for the below loan accounts, wherein despite notification through the registered letters, the borrowers failed to clear overdue loan amount; is proposed to be conducted on or after 29th December 2020 at the respective locations from where the loan is availed.

List of Loans

114372	117130	115427	147723
116006	114759	114413	118122
116074	120579	119756	116678
115636	114274	119326	118443
118242	120327	122376	115321
146875	—	—	—

Sd/- Authorised officer **Rupeek Capital Pvt Ltd.**

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

Water Supply & Sewerage Department

TENDER NO – 16 / 01/ 2020-21

Commissioner, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation invites, online Tender (e-Tender) in **B-1 (Percentage rate)** form on tender portal of Government of Maharashtra at **https://www.mahatenders.gov.in** for the works detailed in the table below.

The Contractor shall quote his rate on amount mentioned in column No. 4. The rate shall be **exclusive of GST**. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC.

Sr, No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Put to the Tender (Rs.)	Cost of Work excluding Royalty & Material Testing Charges (Rs.)	Royalty Charges (Rs.)	Material Testing Charges (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of Document with GST (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Augmentation and capacity enhancement of the existing water treatment plant at Sec-23 Nigdi Including Operation and Maintenance for two years and carrying out all necessary allied works (civil, electromechanical instrumentation etc. complete)	35,77,46,364	35,73,77,164	7,49,795	3,69,200	17,88,732	37,430	18 months (Including Monsoon) & 2 years O & M.

Pre-bid meeting is open to all prospective tenderers who have downloaded tender form before the date of Pre-bid meeting.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on **05 / 01 / 2021 at 16.00 Hrs** at the office of Joint City Engineer, Water Supply & Drainage Department, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Head Office, Old Pune-Mumbai Road, Pimpri, Pune18.

The Tender can be downloaded from date **24 / 12 / 2020, 15.00 Hrs to 20 / 01 / 2021, 15.00 Hrs**. & Technical bid opening date **25 / 01 / 2021, 15.00 Hrs.** (If possible)

The Proposals must be submitted online at the e-tender portal Government of Maharashtra i.e. **https://www.mahatenders.gov.in** on or before 15.00 Hrs of date **20 / 01 / 2021** on payment of a nonrefundable fee of Cost of document.

Before submitting the proposal, the bidders shall mandatorily register and enlist themselves, on **https://www.mahatenders.gov.in**. Further, the bidders shall follow the operating procedure as may be prescribed on the said website.

The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reasons thereof.

Contact Person: For any further information / clarifications please contact - Joint City Engineer, Water Supply Department 1st Floor, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Head Office, Old Pune-Mumbai Road, Pimpri, Pune – 411018. Phone.020-67331401, Fax: 020-27425600 Email: To – **p.ladkat@pcmcindia.gov.in (Mob. No. 9922501727)**

Adv. No. 636
No. WS/ 8 / KaVi / 706 / 2020
Date - 16 / 12 / 2020

Sd/
Commissioner
PCMC, Pimpri, Pune-18

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
KALYAN KARNATAKA REGION DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Opp. Aiwan-E-Shahi, Kalaburagi-585102, Karnataka
Phone No: 08472-256767Fax No: 08472-227527, hkadbgulb@gmail.com

No. KKRDB/IT/PFMS/147/2020-21 Date:22.12.2020

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Corrigendum of "Selection of System Integrator (SI) for Implementation of Project and Financial Management System (PFMS)"
Ref: Tender Notification No. KKRDB/IT/PFMS/147/2020-21 Dated: 05.12.2020

With reference to the above subject, corrigendum for the tender called in e-procurement vide reference above for the "Selection of System Integrator (SI) for Implementation of Project and Financial Management System (PFMS)", the calendar of events are to be read as follows:

Sl No	Particulars	Already Notified	Now Proposed
1	Date of publishing the RFP Document	07/12/2020	07/12/2020
2	Submission of Queries	Date : 11/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs	Date :29/12/2020 Time : 16:00 Hrs
3	Pre-Proposal Conference I	Date : 14/12/2020 Time: 16:00 hrs	Date :30/12/2020 Time : 16:00 Hrs
4	Submission of Queries	Date : 18/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs	Date :09/01/2021 Time : 16:00 Hrs
5	Pre-Proposal Conference II	Date : 21/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs	Date :12/01/2021 Time : 16:00 Hrs
6	Submission of Proposal	Date : 28/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs	Date :23/01/2021 Time : 16:00 Hrs
7	Opening of Technical Proposal	Date : 29/12/2020 Time : 16:30 hrs	Date :25/01/2021 Time : 16:30 Hrs
8	Opening of Financial Proposal	Date : 31/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs	Date : 30/01/2021 Time : 16:30 Hrs

All other condition in the original notification remains unchanged

Sd/- Secretary
Kalyan Karnataka Region Development Board Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/674/MC&A/2020-21

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR

TENDER NOTICE (ONLINE ONLY)
Tender Notice No.07/2020-2021/SDO, dated: 22.12.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Schedule Tender (Two Cover System) will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Thanjavur, for the work of "Reconstruction of High Level Bridge at Km 0/4 of Ayyampettai - Ganapathiagraharam Road (0-658) across River Kudamuruti (Branch of the River Cauvery)" in respect of **Thanjavur (H) Projects Division up to 3.00 pm on 28.01.2021** through online only.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 24.12.2020 - 3.00 pm** onwards in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

DIPR/4913/TENDER/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS, CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.25/2020-21/SDO/Dated : 21.12.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu Percentage Tender (Two Cover System) will be received by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Circle, Trichy for Upgradation of Malliyam - Asikadu Road Km.0/0-4/2 including Reconstruction of bridge at Km.1/8 across Manjalaru River under** Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads - 2020-21 in respect of **Nagapattinam** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division upto **14.00** hours on **28.01.2021** through online only.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **30.12.2020** onwards in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

DIPR/4915/TENDER/2020

Superintending Engineer (H), NABARD and Rural Roads Circle, Trichy.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
TAMIL NADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP No. 2210/SDC 4/2016 Dated: 21.12.2020

For Establishing Apex Skill Development Centres (ASDC) under Banking, Financial Services and Insurance sector (BFSI) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (in single cover System) to impart high-end skill training will be received from interested firms / agencies to act as the Lead Implementation partner (LIP) at the office of Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation upto **3.00 P.M**. (as per office clock) on **25.01.2021.**

Pre Qualification criteria for LIP, Management of ASDC, EMD, Price of RFP document, place and availability of RFP document, receipt of RFP, opening of RFP and all other details are available in the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in & www.tnskill.tn.gov.in** If there are any changes / corrections in the RFP, it will be published on the above website (s) only

DIPR/4858/TENDER/2020

MANAGING DIRECTOR, TAMIL NADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUINDY, CHENNAI -600 032.

SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

2020-21 TamilNadu Urban Road Infrastructure Project - Phase-II
Road, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Work
E - TENDER NOTICE (Double Cover System)

Roc No. E4 / 12320/ 2020 Date : 22.12.2020

1. Restoration of BT Roads, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.**3, 21, 22, 24, 25** and **28** in Suramangalam Zone. **Est Rs. 650.00 Lakhs**
2. Restoration of BT Roads, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.**4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 17, 29, 30** and **31** in Hasthampatty Zone. **Est Rs. 550.00 Lakhs**
3. Restoration of BT Roads, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.**9, 11, 33, 37** and **42** in Ammapet Zone. **Est Rs. 550.00 Lakhs**
4. Restoration of BT Roads, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.**50, 51, 55** and **60** in Kondalampatty Zone. **Est Rs. 550.00 Lakhs**
5. Bid document and other information available at (free of cost) **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in "e-submission"** is also permitted.
6. **Date, time and Venue for Tender Procedures.**
   Submission of bids - 24.12.2020 up to 28.01.2021 - 3.00 P.M.
   Opening of bids - 28.01.2021 at 3.30 P.M.

DIPR/ 4886 /TENDER/2020

Commissioner, Salem Corporation

THE TAMILNADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED

AAVIN ILLAM 3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar Salai (Chamiers Road), Nandanam, Chennai- 600 035.
Telephone : 044-23464500, Fax : 044-23464505, E-mail:aavindgmeng@yahoo.co.in

REF. NO:13423/Proj.1/2020 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated : 22.12.2020

The TCMPF Ltd., invite **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **OFF LINE / E-SUBMISSION** from the Manufacturers / Suppliers for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of the following New plants at Thanjavur & Madhavaram under DIDF Scheme.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Pre-bid Meeting	Tender Submission	Technical Bid Opening
1	**New Dairy plant of capacity 100 TLPD at Thanjavur**	07.01.2021 at 11.30 AM	29.01.2021 upto 2.00 PM	29.01.2021 at 2.15 PM
2	**Fully Automatic Dairy Processing and Sachet Milk Packing Plant of capacity 10LLPD (Expandable to 15LLPD) at Madhavaram**			

Tender Document sale between **29.12.2020** to **28.01.2021** from **11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.,** cost - Rs.2,000.00 + 18% GST and Rs.100.00 extra by post. For downloading tender documents, EMD and other details, refer website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and **www.aavinmilk.com** for **off line / www.tntenders.gov.in** for **e-submission.** Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost.

DIPR/ 4893 /TENDER/ 2020

Deputy General Manager (Engg.), Head Office

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid Identification No. S.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 18 / 2020-21
e-mail : sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No. 3979 dt. 18.12.2020

B-556:

1.	No of the work	:	2 No Bridge / Road WorkS
2.	Estimated cost	:	Rs. 332.49 Lakhs to 844.39 Lakhs
3.	Period of completion	:	09 (Nine) calender months to 11 (Eleven) Calendar Months
4.	Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:	From 11.00 Hours of 29.12.2020 to 16.00 Hours of 11.01.2021
5.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:	16.00 Hours of 11.01.2021
6.	Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:	12.00 Hours on 12.01.2021
7.	Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	:	Superintending Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http://tendersodisha.gov.in"**

Sd\- A.N. Das, Superintending Engineer,Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar

OIPR 34033/11/0020/2021

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, V.J.N.L, Yettinahole Project Division, No.2 Hemavathi office campus, Kunigal Road Tumkur-572102. Office Phone No: 0816-2201844 Email-ID: eeypd2tmk@gmail.com

Ref: 1. V.J.N.L/YP/E.E/ D.2/TMK/TND-12 /TMK-Raydurga/2020-21/1511, Dated:22.12.2020.
2. V.J.N.L/YP/E.E/ D.2/TMK/TND-13 /Electrical Line pkg 14/2020-21/1512, Dated:22.12.2020.

TWO COVER SYSTEM
(Through E-procurement system)

On Behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.2, Tumkur, Karnataka invites tenders on **"Percentage basis"** through e-Procurement portal from below registered contractors for the following tenders and the calendar of events are as follows.

Sl No	Details of Amount put to tender, Category of the contractors and Calendar of Events.	Name Of Work: Construction of Railway Crossing Across Gravity Canal at Ch.231+710m. (Indent No.1507)	Name Of Work: Shifting of DTC Structure and existing HT, LT Line poles at Mavukere to Bomma nahalli and other village comes under Package-XIV from Km 222.00to Km. 240.00 under Yettinahole Project (Indent No.1483)
1	**Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)**	**528.91**	**82.23**
2	**Category of the contractor**	VJNL/KNNL enrolled **Category – II** & above	Registered KPTCL **Class I** licensed contractor
3	The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document	**24.12.2020 to 22.01.2021** upto 17:00 Hrs	**29.12.2020** to **13.01.2021** upto 17:00 Hrs
4	Last date & Time for tender Queries/ Clarifications	**15.01.2021** upto 15:00 Hrs to Executive Engineer office	**07.01.2021** upto 15:00 Hrs to Executive Engineer office
5	Pre bid meeting	**07.01.2021** at 11.00 Hrs	--
6	The Last date of Submission of completed Tender Documents	**22.01.2021** upto 17:00 Hrs	**13.01.2021** upto 17:00 Hrs
7	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover –I)	**27.01.2021** at 17.00 Hrs	**16.01.2021** at 17.00 Hrs

Details such as EMD amount/Tender Processing fee/Qualification of bidders/ Tender Conditions etc can be obtained through e-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. The competent authority to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons. Any further information required may be obtained from the undersigned during office hours upto last date of Submission Tender Documents .

Sd/- Executive Engineer, V.J.N.L, YP Division No.2, Tumkur.

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Trippier hit with 10 week ban for betting breaches

England international Kieran Trippier has been banned for 10 weeks and fined £70,000 ($94,000) for breaching betting rules, the Football Association (FA) announced on Wednesday. The 30-year-old Atletico Madrid defender's worldwide ban from all football and football-related activity will run until February 28. Trippier's ban takes force with immediate effect.

Wind blowing against Rahul

Team management may not recall him as he hasn't played red ball cricket of late

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

DESPITE calls for the inclusion of KL Rahul, the right-hander is unlikely to make a comeback into the XI for the Boxing Day Test. On Wednesday, Team India had the first training session at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, three days after suffering that humiliating defeat in Adelaide. With the unprecedented collapse leaving them in crossroads, a couple of spots are under scrutiny leading up to the second Test.

WARNER, ABBOTT TO MISS SECOND TEST

MELBOURNE: Opener David Warner and pacer Sean Abbott were on Wednesday ruled out of the second Test against India, beginning on Saturday, because of a mix of injuries and Covid-19 protocols. The duo was outside the team's bio-secure hub to get treatment for their respective groin and calf injuries.

With Prithvi Shaw struggling at the top and Wriddhiman Saha having a forgettable outing, it looked like a few spots may open, over and above the two forced ones thanks to Virat Kohli's paternity leave and Mohammed Shami's injury. In that context, including Rahul would make the batting stronger but what's working against him is the lack of matches with the red ball. Since being dropped from the Test side, Rahul has played only one long format match and that was for Karnataka back in March, where he made scores of 26 & 0 against Bengal.

While his form in limited overs has been exceptional, the think-tank believes there is still work to be done when it comes to Tests. In that regard 21-year-old Shubman Gill is above him in the pecking order thanks his impressive outing against Australia A. However, in case Gill gets to make his debut in Melbourne, India are yet to take a call on where to play him. Despite looking out of sorts at Adelaide, Prithvi Shaw could still retain his spot in case India decide to go with just four bowlers, with Gill at No 4.

Thanks to the drop-in pitch, the MCG has offered slow tracks in recent times, which is why the visitors think playing five bowlers would be apt. If that's the case, Ravindra Jadeja could come in as a straight swap, with Hanuma Vihari at No 4. Gill then would take Shaw's place at the top.

These changes aside, there are still question marks surrounding the inclusion of Rishabh Pant. The left-hander has been India's preferred option in overseas Tests, but they went against it in Adelaide as Saha was chosen because of his experience of keeping with the pink ball. But he looked out of sorts with the bat. While the latter definitely offers something different as a left-hander, he has a ton in Australia, and also scored an unbeaten 103 in the practice match.

However, there are fitness concerns surrounding Pant. He was told to work on improving his fitness. As far as a replacement for Shami goes, Mohammed Siraj seems to be the front-runner.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Remove my name from Kotla stand: Bedi to DDCA

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

PEEVED with Delhi and District Cricket Association's (DDCA) decision to erect a statue of its late former president Arun Jaitley at the Feroz Shah Kotla ground, former India captain Bishan Singh Bedi in an explosive letter asked DDCA to remove his name from one of the stands. He also 'renounced' his DDCA membership.

The legendary left-arm spinner wrote an email to the current DDCA chief Rohan Jaitley, son of the former finance minister, and the mail (in possession with this daily) pointed out how he was not on the best of terms with Jaitley senior.

"I write this letter with a heavy heart & a deep sense of embarrassment. I'm old enough to know that one doesn't talk ill of the dead. And I hope you are also old enough to be in the know of my personal relationship with late Arun Jaitley was never quite on the same page. Let's say we weren't really cricketing buddies when he was the President of DDCA. My reservations about choice of people he handpicked to run day to day affairs of DDCA is well known," he wrote. The 74-year-old also pointed out how he was not thrilled when the stadium was renamed after the politician.

"After the Feroze Shah Kotla was named hurriedly & most undeservingly after late Arun Jaitley my reaction then was maybe somehow good sense might prevail to keep Kotla sacrosanct. How wrong I was. Now I gather a statue of late Arun Jaitley is going to be installed at the Kotla. I'm not at all enamoured with the thought of a statue of Arun Jaitley coming up at Kotla. I pride myself as a man of immense tolerance & patience ... but all that I'm afraid is running out. DDCA has truly tested me & forced me to take this drastic action. So, Mr President, I request you to remove my name from the stand named after me with immediate effect. Also, I hereby renounce my DDCA membership," the mail said.

"A mere google search would have helped to know that Late Arun Jaitley's tenure at DDCA was riddled with corruption. You being a lawyer should also know the cases of massive misappropriation of funds are still pending in courts."

"People who surround you presently will never inform you that it's WG Grace at Lord's... Sir Jack Hobbs at the Oval...Sir Donald Bradman at the SCG... Sir Garfield Sobers at Barbados & Shane Warne of recent vintage at the MCG...who adorn their cricket stadia with the Spirit of Cricket never out of place..so when kids walk into these stadiums these majestic statues/busts enhance & enliven the inspiring stories of these past heroes... Sporting arenas need sporting role models. The place of administrators is in their glass cabins."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Negative report, face shield likely for refs

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

STRICT Covid-19 guidelines will be in place when the Senior National Wrestling Championship begins with competitions in the men's freestyle category on January 23. All the participants will be required to submit Covid negative report on their arrival. The referees may sport face shields during the bouts as was seen during the Individual World Cup held recently in Belgrade, Serbia. The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is expected to come up with comprehensive sanitary protocols soon.

The two-day freestyle event will be held in Noida while the women's championship will be organised in Agra on January 30 and 31. The federation has yet not decided dates and venue for competition in Greco-Roman category, but it is expected to be held in Punjab in February.

"All the participants have to bring negative RT-PCR report issued no earlier than 36 hours before their arrival at the venue," Vinod Tomar, WFI's assistant secretary, told this newspaper.

The federation has also issued circular to its affiliated units inviting them to participate in the championship. In the circular, the WFI has specifically mentioned that each unit would be entitled to send ten wrestlers and two coaches in each style due to the pandemic. However, previous year champions in various styles are eligible to send two wrestlers per weight category.

The circular also emphasises on the need to maintain social distance during verification. "No wrestler except those whose weigh-in is next day will be allowed at the verification area. In case found, he/she will be disqualified from the competition," read the circular.

Speaking on the safety protocols, a WFI official said on condition of anonymity, "The guidelines are being framed. The world body (United World Wrestling) successfully organised World Cup in Serbia. We will certainly consider the UWW's protocols before finalising ours. These guidelines would be sent to all participating members to ensure safety to our athletes and other stakeholders."

The UWW had prepared sanitary protocols for participants. It also conducted research on all athletes by monitoring their body temperatures at different times and using different equipment.

The wrestlers were also made to sign an undertaking. Referees wore face shields during the bouts as a precautionary measure.

"We are taking opinions from experts. We will also have to abide by rules and regulations of the state government and district administration where the tournament is being organised," added the official.

Olympics to cost $15.9 bn

AFP @ Tokyo

THE coronavirus-delayed Tokyo Olympics will cost at least 1.64 trillion yen ($15.9 billion), organisers said Tuesday, unveiling a final budget swollen by the unprecedented postponement and a raft of pandemic measures. The extra costs — up 294 billion yen ($2.8 billion) from figures released a year ago — come as officials work to build enthusiasm for the first Games postponed in peacetime.

A poll last week showed that a majority of Japanese oppose holding the Tokyo Games next year, favouring a further delay or outright cancellation of the massive event, and the latest budget could make the Tokyo Games the most expensive Summer Olympics in history.

LOCAL EXPRESS

Cariappa, Shreyas BM excel in Jawahar win

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KC Cariappa and Shreyas B M scalped three wickets each to help Jawahar Sports Club(1) beat Jupiter Cricketers Association by 10 wickets in the KSCA T20 tournament. Jupiter were bundled out for a paltry 79 runs and Jawahar reached the target in the 11th over without losing a single wicket.

In another contest, Friends Union Cricket Club defeated Bangalore United Cricket Club (1) by six wickets. Lochan S Gowda starred scoring 57-ball 70 while chasing 139 to win. They reached the target in the 19th over.

Brief Scores: Jupiter Cricketers Association: 79/10 in 18.0 overs [K C Cariappa 3/6, Shreyas B M 3/24] lost to **Jawahar Sports Club(1)**: 80/0 in 11.0 overs [Aslam A P 49 n.o] by ten wickets.

Bangalore United Cricket Club (1): 138/5 in 20.0 overs [Rohan Kadam 47] lost to **Friends Union Cricket Club (1)**:141/4 in 19.0 overs [Lochan S Gowda 70] by six wickets.

Vultures Cricket Club: 163/ 7 in 20.0 overs [Shrijith K L 54, Anirudha A Joshi 47, Manjunath 3/15] beat The Bangalore Cricketers: 72/10 in 17.4 overs [Akshay R 43, Abhishek Ahlawat 3/16] by 91 runs.

Jawans Cricket Club: 163/6 in 20.0 overs [Milind Ramesh 59, Sathya Swaroop 63, Amogh S 3/21] beat Jawahar Sports Club (2): 130/8 in 20.0 overs [Kavin Gautham 3/23] by 33 runs.

Sir Syed Cricketers: 138/7 in 20.0 overs beat Chintamani Sports Association,(Chintamani): 129/7 in 20.0 overs [S Suraj 3/33] by 9 runs.

Dooravani Cricketers (1): 92/8 in 20.0 overs lost to **Social Cricketers**: 93/3 in 12.5 overs [Stalin Hoover 44] by 7 wickets.

Vijaya Cricket Club: 101/9 in 20.0 overs [Vidyadhar Patil 44, K Adithyan 4/11] lt to **Cambridge Cricket Club:** 103 for 3 in 14.4 overs [M D Taha 52] by 7 wickets.

Mount Joy Cricket Club: 84/10 in 18.1 overs [K Gowtham 3/16] lost to **Swastic Union Cricket Club(1)**: 85/5 in 16.2 overs by 5 wickets.

BCCI'S AGENDA DURING 89TH AGM

CAC to interview selectors

THE Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) of the BCCI will interview candidates for the senior men's selection committee on Thursday with former pacer Ajit Agarkar emerging as a favourite to take over as chairman of the panel. The panel, consisting of Madan Lal, RP Singh and Sulakshana Naik, which appointed Sunil Joshi and Harvinder Singh in March, will conduct the interviews virtually before forwarding the names to the BCCI.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

OTHER KEY ISSUES

EXPANDING TO 10 TEAMS
The inclusion of two new franchises in the 2022 edition of the IPL will be on top of BCCI's priority on Thursday.

TAX EXEMPTION: There's only a week left for the BCCI to meet the ICC's deadline of giving complete assurance that the global body will get full tax exemption for holding the World T20 next year or else it will be shifted to the UAE. While there has been precedence of exemptions during earlier global events, the current tax laws won't allow exemption for a sporting event.

BCCI REPRESENTATIVE IN ICC: Secretary Jay Shah will remain India's representative at the ICC like last year along with Ganguly.

CRICKET IN OLYMPICS: If Indian cricket board supports the sport at the 2028 Olympics, it might end up losing its autonomy as being a National Sports Federation means coming under the ambit of sports ministry. BCCI has always valued its independent status.

VARIOUS COMMITTEES: BCCI hasn't constituted important cricket sub-committees for the longest time. Those include cricket committee, standing committee, umpires committee.

ANGULO SINKS JAMSHEDPUR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FC GOA frontman Igor Angulo underlined why he is more than capable of replacing ISL all-time top-scorer Ferran Corominas by scoring twice to help the Gaurs beat Jamshedpur FC 2-1 in Vasco on Wednesday. The victory also helped Goa break their two match losing run and get back to winning ways. As for Jamshedpur, it is their first loss after six unbeaten games.

Goa were trailing after Stephen Eze's goal in the first half but Angulo struck twice in the second half, including late in injury time, to steal three points as Juan Ferrando's men leapfrogged Jamshedpur into fifth place and go level on points with NorthEast United.

Angulo who arrived at the start of the season as a replacement for Coro now has eight goals from eight games in the campaign and leads the goalscoring charts.

In a game of two halves, Jamshedpur dominated the first while Goa came out all guns blazing in the second.

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No of goals Messi has scored for Barcelona, a new record for a single club.

BARCELONA BEAT VALLADOLID

Barcelona's recent form has been good, winning three of the last four in the La Liga. Lionel Messi scored again on Wednesday against Real Valladolid, breaking Pele's long-standing record of most number of strikes for a single club.

EXPRESS READ

City thrash Arsenal, enter League Cup SF

LONDON: Manchester City increased the pressure on Mikel Arteta as the League Cup holders powered into the semifinals with a 4-1 demolition of Arsenal on Tuesday. The loss is Arsenal's fourth in their last six games.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT
I, **VASANTHI PAREKH**, W/o late Sri. Manicklal Parekh, aged 67 years old, Presently R/at. 16/4, American Colony, Kumara Park East, Bengaluru-560001, do hereby declare that in all my records, my names have been mentioned as **VASANTHI MANICKLAL PAREKH, VASANTHI, VASANTHI PAREKH & VASANTHI M PAREKH,** and all the names are one and the same and pertains to myself, hereafter I shall be known and called as **VASANTHI PAREKH** only, vide affidavit dated 23-12-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **G.B. TURAMARI**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAVISH S/o. Chandrashekar Benni, Residing at No. 704, 1st Floor, 42nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajainagar, Bengaluru - 560010 have changed my name to **RAVISH BENNI** vide Affidavit dated 14.12.2020, sworn to before Notary V. Srinivasa Reddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VEMULA RAMANAIAH YAMINI PRIYA, resident of #108, Phase 2, Classic Orchards, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore-560076, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **VEMULA RAMANA YAMINI PRIYA** vide affidavit dated 22.12.2020 before notary A S NARAYANA REDDY, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RUPAL ANTHONY, Spouse of Ericnadhan Janiclass Anthony resident of E-40/10, DRDO TOWNSHIP, PHASE – 2, CV RAMAN NAGAR, BANGALORE-560093 have changed my Name from **RUPAL ANTHONY** to **RUPAL ERICNADHAN ANTHONY** vide Affidavit dated 23 Dec 20.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **KRISHNA KUMAR JUTTA**, aged about 41 years, S/o Mr. Kondala Rao Jutta, R/at A 202, 2nd Floor, Renaissance Rainbow, ITPL Main Road, Brookefields, Marathahalli colony, Bangalore-560037, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **ADHRITH KUMAR JUTTA** to **ADHRITH JUTTA**, hereafter he will be known and called as **ADHRITH JUTTA** only, vide affidavit dated 23.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAWAHAR LAL,** R/at No.43, Gokul Nilayam, 3rd Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Behind RTO Office, Medahalli Bengaluru -560049, have changed my minor son's name from **MAURYA.J. ADITYA** To **MAURYA ADITYA** vide affidavit dated:22/12/2020 Before Notary **N.Shankar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ARTI DAS, Presently residing at No. 36/3, ML Line, JCOs/OR RWA Colony, PRTC, JC Nagar, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ARTI DAS** to **(NEW NAME) ARATI DAS** Mother of No. 13628873Y Rank Name Sambhu Das vide affidavit Dated 22/12/2020 sworn before Notary Sivakumara. M.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POOJA,** D/o Jitendra Prasad Singh and W/o Animesh Kumar, born 28/01/1993, residing at No. G-0, Shakthi Highlands Wing -1, Kodigehalli Main Road, Near Diya Academy of Learning, K.R. Puram, Bangalore - 560036 have changed my name as **'POOJA KUMAR'** vide affidavit dated 23/12/2020 deposed before Notary Yankoba, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **KRISHNA KUMAR JUTTA**, aged about 41 years, S/o Mr. Kondala Rao Jutta, R/at A 202, 2nd Floor, Renaissance Rainbow, ITPL Main Road, Brookefields, Marathahalli colony, Bangalore-560037, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **AVYUKTH KUMAR** to **AVYUKTH JUTTA**, hereafter he will be known and called as **AVYUKTH JUTTA** only, vide affidavit dated 23.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATESH NARAYANAPPA** R/at No.357/A, 3rd Cross, Behind BBMP Office, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103, have changed my name to **VENKATESH BELLANDUR NARAYANAPPA** vide affidavit dated:22/12/2020 Before Notary **N.Shankar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) DIPIKA DAS, Presently residing at No. 36/3, ML Line, JCOs/OR RWA Colony, PRTC, JC Nagar, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) DIPIKA DAS** to **(NEW NAME) DIPIKA PRADHAN DAS** Wife of No. 13628873Y Rank Name Sambhu Das vide affidavit Dated 22/12/2020 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Shwetha. S,** D/o Seetharam V.L, aged about 28 years, residing at No.17, Inchara 1st 'A' Cross, 1st Phase Vishwapriya Nagar, Begur Road, Bangalore-560 068. I state that, now I have embraced Islam and I have become Muslim. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'SHWETHA. S'** to **"ZAARA SHEIKH"** vide Affidavit dated 23.12.2020, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public Aravind Patil G.G, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SAHANA .B.M, @ B.M. Rajashree,** D/o Manjunatha .B.V, aged 20, R/at #857, Raghavendra Temple Street, Near Jayalakshmi School Subbanna Palya Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560033, do hereby declare that both names i.e. **SAHANA .B.M,** and **B.M. RAJASHREE** are one and the same belongs to me only, I have changed my name from **SAHANA .B.M** to **B.M. RAJASHREE,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **B.M. RAJASHREE** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 09.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **S.N. MADHU**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANI.R**, S/o. Rangaswamy, aged about 29 years, residing at No 75/2, Vidyanagar Cross, Bettahalsur, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562157. In bank account my name is mentioned as **MANIKANTA.R**. I hereby declare that both the names pertain to the one and the same person. Vide Affidavit dated 23.12.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary H.K.Gopalagowda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) HIMANSHU DAS, Presently residing at No. 36/3, ML Line, JCOs/OR RWA Colony, PRTC, JC Nagar, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HIMANSHU DAS** to **(NEW NAME) HIMANGSHU DAS** Father of No. 13628873Y Rank Name Sambhu Das vide affidavit Dated 22/12/2020 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

CERTIFICATES LOST
I, **S.V. Ramesh,** aged about 53 years, S/o S.L. Venkataswamy Reddy, R/at # 55, Sorahunase, Varthur, Bangalore East, Bangalore-560087. Hereby declare that, I have lost my son's **(Rahul Ramesh) original 10th Standard TC** and **Marks card,** issued by Narayana e-Techno School, Varthur, Bangalore **for the year of 2016-17, Roll No.4043786 & Original II PUC Marks card** issued by CMR National PU College, Bangalore **for year of 2017-19 Registration No.607279** on 5/9/2020 while cleaning the House. vide Affidavit dated 23.12.2020, Sworn before Advocate and Notary, A.M. Rajasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARALA ARUNACHALAM,** W/o Chandra Kumar Amritha Raj, R/at #17, 18th Cross Road, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor Post, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name to **CLARA ARUNACHALAM**, vide affidavit dated : 23.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N**, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **VALI SAB,** S/o. Pakeerappa, aged about 59 years, residing at No. 53/1, Vidyamanya Nagar, Andhrahalli, Vishwaneedam, Bengaluru - 560 091, I state that my correct name is **VALI SAB** and correct Date of Birth is **18.11.1961.** In Aadhar Card my name wrongly mentioned as **VALLI SAHIB C.** and in voter ID Card my name wrongly mentioned as **OLISAB** & my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 1964. Vide affidavit dated 22.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Sumithra N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) YOUNIS AHMAD MIR, residing at No. 9, Vinsse Towers, Wheeler Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) YOUNIS AHMAD MIR** to **(NEW NAME) YOUNIS AHMED MIR** vide affidavit Dated 16/12/2020 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **KUMARESAN .M,** S/o Muthu Pillai, R/at # 1941 EWS 3rd phase, Near Anjaneya Temple, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **BABY PRIYANKA** to **PRIYANKA .K,** hereafter she will be known and called as **PRIYANKA .K** only, vide affidavit dated 23.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **K.C. CHOWDE GOWDA**, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **KULLAYAMMA,** W/o. Vali Sab, aged about 51 years, residing at No. 53/1, Vidyamanya Nagar, Andhrahalli, Vishwaneedam, Bengaluru - 560 091, I state that my husband's correct name is **VALI SAB** and my correct Date of Birth is **01.01.1969.** In Aadhar Card my husband name wrongly mentioned as **VALLI SAHIB C.** and in voter ID Card my husband name wrongly mentioned as **OLISAB** & my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 1972. Vide affidavit dated 22.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Sumithra N., Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, R.CHITRA, Daughter of Ramadoss, resident of No.172, 10th Main, 6th Cross, TATA Nagar, Sahakaranagar PO, Bangalore 560092, do hereby declare that my name has been mentioned as **CHITRA** (incorrect name) instead of **R.CHITRA** or **CHITRA RAMADOSS** in my passport. I hereby declare that all the names pertain to the one and the same person **R.CHITRA** or **CHITRA RAMADOSS** vide affidavit dated 22.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary MEER HASSAN, Bangalore.

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Over 50% of Chinese adults now overweight

Scant exercise, too much meat & calories are making world's largest population fat

HEALTH

BEIJING: More than half of adults in China are now overweight, official figures showed Wednesday, with increasingly sedentary lifestyles among the country's growing middle class translating to expanding waistlines.

China has experienced rapid economic growth in recent decades that has profoundly changed eating habits -- massively popular online delivery apps make cheap, calorie-rich meals available to city dwellers at all hours.

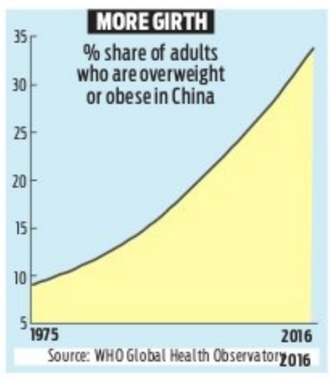
That growth now means that more than 50 percent of people are overweight for the first time, according to a National Health Commission report published Wednesday, out of which 16.4 percent are considered obese.

That proportion is nearly double the 29 percent of adults classified as overweight or obese in 2002.

Many adults in China now "exercise too little, are under too much pressure, and have an unhealthy work schedule," Wang Dan, a nutritionist in the northeastern city of Harbin, told AFP.

Chinese children are also increasingly overweight, the report revealed, with 20 percent of 6 to 17-year-olds now heavier than the healthy limit compared to 16% in 2012.

Being overweight is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer.



Source: WHO Global Health Observatory

The worst-affected country in Asia remains Malaysia, where around 65% are overweight or obese, according to the WHO in 2019.

Adult obesity is on the rise across the world, in both prosperous regions as well as areas where people are unable to afford healthy diets of fruits, vegetables and protein-rich foods.

"High prevalence and wide coverage is the main characteristic of the current obesity situation of Chinese people," Zhao Wenhua, chief nutritionist at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, was quoted as saying by *Global Times* at a press conference for the launch of the report.

Around one-fifth of Chinese primary and middle school students drink sugary beverages often, according to the 2020 Nutrition and Chronic Disease Status Report of Chinese Residents report.

EXFILE

Neptune throws up new puzzle

It's one of the weirdest planets scientists have ever found. Its weather is a phenomena that is still confusing: Winds on the planet race at 1.5 times the speed of sound. But now Neptune's humongous dark storms are behaving in a way that defies all that we know about the planet

UNRULY STORMS

Neptune's storms are not your average Earth hurricane. They have deep roots that reach into the planet's core, and this makes the storms susceptible to be moved about across the giant blue planet

And when they move south towards Neptune's equator, the storms disintegrate. As if it's a law of nature on Neptune, the storms take a direct path to the equatorial "kill zone"

Only this time around, these two storms — the large one spotted first in 2018 and the smaller one in Jan this year — didn't disappear. In fact, they reversed direction and are moving north

LARGE STORM

7,403 KM across

is its size, wider than the Atlantic Ocean on Earth

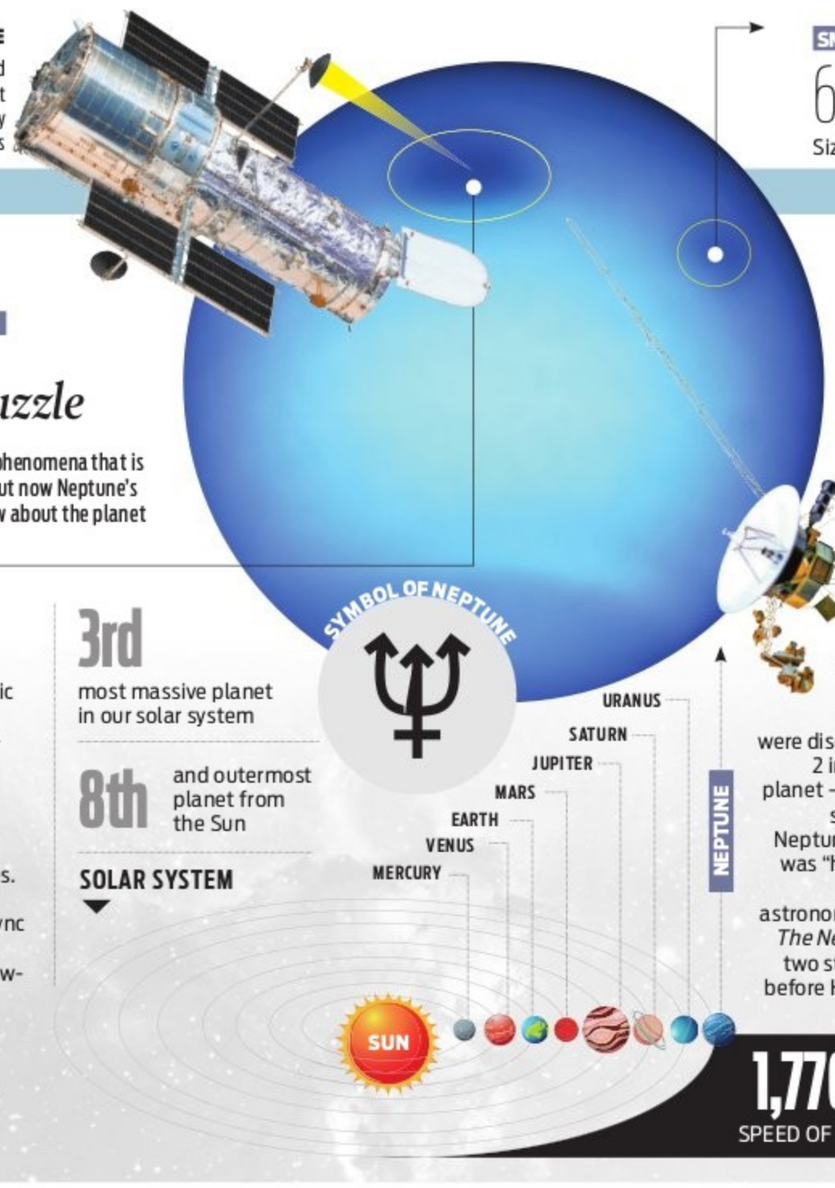
2-5 YEARS

is the average lifespan of a Neptune storm, as per estimates. These storms are high-pressure ones that rotate clockwise, in sync with the planet's rotation. In contrast, storms on Earth are low-pressure systems that rotate counterclockwise. Astronomers get to use the Hubble only one time a year to look at Neptune, making tracking of the planet's atmosphere difficult

3rd most massive planet in our solar system

8th and outermost planet from the Sun

SOLAR SYSTEM



HUBBLE TELESCOPE

Since 1989, only Hubble has had the ablility and "sensitivity in visible light" to track these storms that appear as dark spots. They have sequentially appeared and then faded away over the years

SMALLER STORM

6,276 KM

Size

> It was really exciting to see this [storm] act like it's supposed to act and then all of a sudden it just stops and swings back. That was surprising... This is a process that's never been observed
>
> Michael H. Wong of the University of California at Berkeley

VOYAGER 2

Two other dark storms were discovered by the Voyager 2 in 1989 as it flew by the planet — the only human-built spacecraft to ever cross Neptune. The first dark storm was "huge, a big monster [as big as planet Earth]," astronomer Heidi Hammel told *The New York Times*. But the two storms had disappeared before Hubble Telescope could observe them

1,770 KM/HR

SPEED OF NEPTUNE'S WINDS

Islamic councils say vaccine shots are permissible

MEDICINE

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates' highest Islamic authority, the UAE Fatwa Council, has ruled that coronavirus vaccines are permissible for Muslims even if they contain pork gelatin.

The ruling follows growing alarm that the use of pork gelatin, a common vaccine ingredient, may hamper vaccination among Muslims who consider the consumption of pork products "haram," or forbidden under Islamic law.

If there are no alternatives, Council Chairman Sheikh Abdallah bin Bayyah said that the coronavirus vaccines would not be subject to Islam's restrictions on pork because of the higher need to "protect the human body."

The council added that in this case, the pork gelatin is considered medicine, not food, with multiple vaccines already shown to be effective against a highly contagious virus that "poses a risk to the entire society.

Separately, Malaysia's religious authorities said that a Covid-19 is allowed under Islamic rules and is actually mandated for some groups, Bloomberg reported on Wednesday.

Religious Affairs Minister Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri said this view has been conveyed to the Council of Rulers in Malaysia. "As such, I urge all Malaysians, especially Muslims, to abide by and give full trust to the government to manage the Covid-19 pandemic through the use of vaccines," Zulkifli said.

FACT OF THE MATTER

100 mn vax doses for US

MEDICINE

The US has purchased an additional 100 million doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine against Covid-19, with the shots set to be delivered by July, the Pentagon said. That brings the current US supply of Covid-19 vaccine to 400 million doses -- half from Pfizer and half from Moderna -- allowing it to immunize 200 million people under the two-shot regimens. "Under the terms of the agreement, Pfizer will deliver at least 70 million doses by June 30, 2021, with the balance of the 100 million doses to be delivered.

Meat intake tied to asthma

HEALTH

Dietary habits established earlier in life may be linked to potentially the future development of asthma as a new research has found that substances present in cooked meats are associated with increased wheezing in children. Their study in *Thorax* highlights pro-inflammatory compounds called advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) as an example of early dietary risk factors that may have broad clinical and public health implications for the prevention of inflammatory airway disease.

Can a beetle be an Xmas snack?

WILDLIFE

Earnmore Chikavaza takes a mouthful of fried beetles and munches happily, downing the crunchy snack with a mouthful of water. He runs out of superlatives to sum up the benefits of a food that is healthy, tasty, organic and -- a special advantage in a poor country – absolutely free. The delicacy is the chafer beetle, also called the Christmas beetle, a dark-red Zimbabwean bug which proliferates in the southern hemisphere country at this time of year.

A LITTLE EXTRA

An African lioness, Panthera leo, carries her daily meat portion packed in a Christmas box at a Hungarian sanctuary | AP

Illegal animal trade thriving online: Study

WILDLIFE

LONDON: Illegal wildlife trade on social media networks is thriving, with wild animals sometimes sold as "lockdown pets", despite Covid-19 restrictions and the risk of animal to human disease transmission, says a study of advertisements on Facebook.

The research in *Environmental Research* showed despite the known risk of animal to human transmission of disease, there is no evidence that the online wildlife trade was discouraged or has decreased amid the pandemic.

Examining advertisements on Facebook in Brazil and Indonesia, the researchers found thousands of posts advertising wild animals, with a potential audience of 2 lakh people. Indeed, only 0.44% of over 20,000 online wildlife trade advertisements had any Covid-19-related content.

With Covid-19, the role of wild animals in emerging infectious diseases (EID) is in the spotlight.

US population expands at smallest rate in 120 years

DEMOGRAPHY

WASHINGTON: The US population grew by the smallest rate in at least 120 years from 2019 to 2020, according to figures released by the US Census Bureau — a trend that demographers say provides a glimpse of the coronavirus pandemic's toll.

Population growth in the US already was stagnant over the past several years due to immigration restrictions and a dip in fertility, but coronavirus-related deaths exacerbated that lethargic-growth trend, said William Frey, a senior fellow at The Brooking Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program.

"I think it's a first glimpse of where we may be heading as far as low population growth," Frey said. "It's telling you that this is having an impact on population."

The US population grew by 0.35% from July 2019 to July 2020, an increase of 1.1 million people in a nation whose estimated population in July.

CROC ON STEROIDS

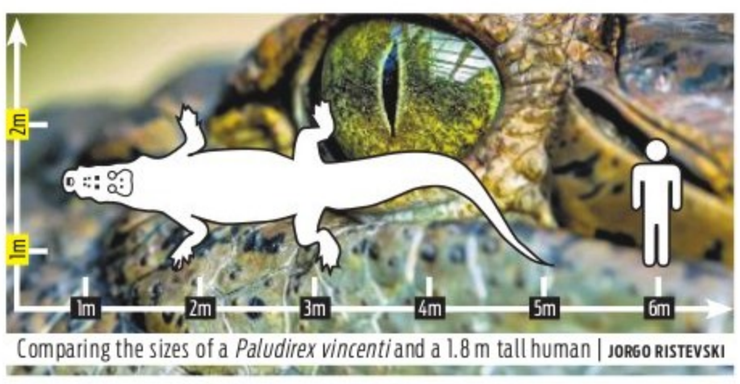
Massive 'swamp king' ruled Aus' prehistoric waterways

PALEONTOLOGY

SYDNEY: A prehistoric crocodile measuring more than five metres long, dubbed the "swamp king", ruled south eastern Queensland waterways in Australia only a few million years ago.

Researchers at University of Queensland identified the new species of prehistoric crocodile -- which they named Paludirex vincenti -- from fossils first unearthed in the 1980s.

"Its fossilised skull measures around 65 centimetres, so we estimate Paludirex vincenti was at least five metres long," said Jorgo Ristevski from University of Queensland's School of Biological Sciences.



Comparing the sizes of a *Paludirex vincenti* and a 1.8 m tall human | JORGO RISTEVSKI

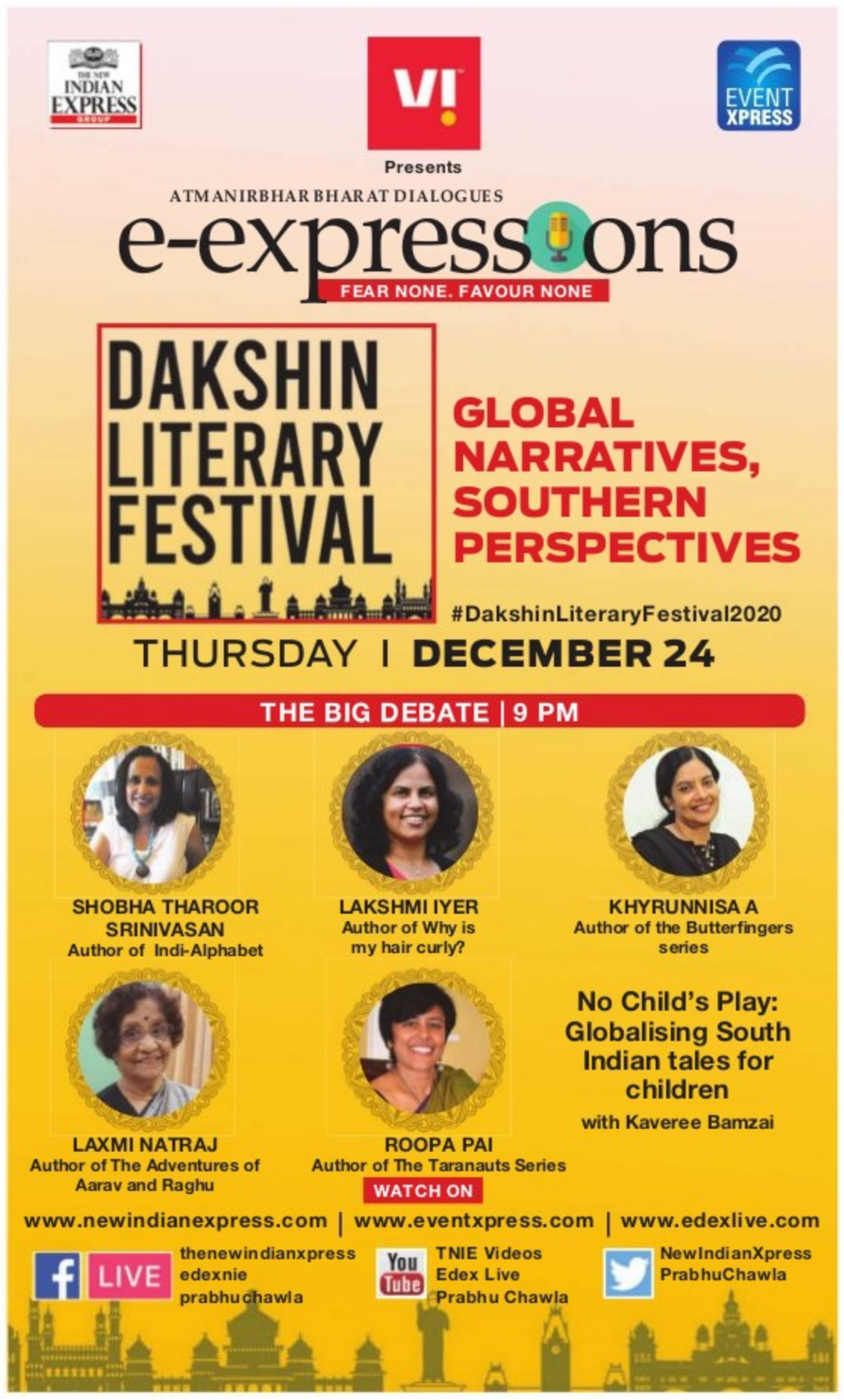
"The largest crocodylian today is the Indo-Pacific crocodile, Crocodylus porosus, which grows to about the same size.

"But Paludirex had a broader, more heavy-set skull so it would've resembled an Indo-Pacific crocodile on steroids."

Paludirex was one of the top predators in Australia a few million years ago, capable of preying on giant prehistoric marsupials.

"Crocs have been an important component of Australia's fauna for millions of years," Salisbury said.

"But the two species we have today -- Crocodylus porosus and Crocodylus johnstoni -- are only recent arrivals, and were not part of the endemic croc fauna that existed here from about 55 million years ago."



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THURSDAY

DAY'S DIARY

Rise of the earth

Apollo 8, the first crewed mission to orbit the moon, gave way to the memorable 'Earthrise' pictures on this day in 1968

MAKING HISTORY

Astronauts Frank Borman, Bill Anders and Jim Lovell entered lunar orbit and held a live broadcast, showing pictures of Earth and the Moon as seen from the spacecraft

BRAND NEW VIEW

The view of the rising Earth greeted the Apollo 8 astronauts as they came from behind the moon after the lunar orbit insertion burn

THE BIG PICTURE

It was then that Lovell said, "The vast loneliness is awe-inspiring and it makes you realize just what you have back there on Earth"

Shilpa Shetty joins Sugar Factory

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SILENT NIGHT

Colours, cakes and carols bring some much-needed cheer amid low-key celebrations and renewed fear of the pandemic. *CE* captures the festive mood as the city gets decked up for Christmas

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JOY TO THE CITY

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Christmas decorations at: 1)Shivajinagar 2)Orion Mall 3)Primrose Mar Thoma Church 4)Kempegowda International Airport 5)Garuda Mall

PICS: ASHISHKRISHNA HP, NAGARAJA GADEKAL, SHRIRAM BN

EXPRESS FEATURES

THE imposement of the night curfew, between 10 pm and 6am till January 2 amid fear of the new strain of coronavirus, has come as a dampener to many. Ahead of Christmas, many were planning to head to churches, however, places of worship themselves are changing plans. St. Mark's Cathedral, which had planned to conduct midnight mass on Dec. 24 at 11.30 pm, is now planning to hold it between 7pm and 8pm on the same day. On the other hand, All Saints Church has cancelled the mass this year. "We will have the service at 6:30am and 8:30am on Dec 25," says Ronald Fernandez, one of the standing members of the church.

Staying on the side of caution, Wesley English Church called off their night service programme two weeks ago. "We took this step in light of how the Covid scenario has been playing out and based on the directive of our bishop," says the church's secretary Bindu Paul. On Christmas morning, the church will have a service at 9am, wherein the premises can accommodate 120 people with social distancing. The service will also be telecast online.

Infant Jesus Church in Viveknagar which had planned Christmas eve service at 6pm on Dec. 24 and Christmas service at 7am on Dec. 25 will go ahead with their plans. St Andrew's Church too has kept the eve service at 6pm.

MERCHANDISE, MOVIE & MORE

To keep up the buzz around Darshan-starrer *Roberrt*, the team is unveiling masks, t-shirts and other collectibles on Christmas day

EXPRESS FEATURES

A model displays the D-mask which is part of the merchandise for *Roberrt*

A still from the film

There is more than one reason why Darshan fans are awaiting the release of the most anticipated movie, *Roberrt*. Even though the release date of the film is yet to be finalised, it has been making the right noises through its pre-release buzz. Adding to the excitement of fans, the team is dropping a list of merchandise and collectibles on December 25.

The collectibles will have a wide variety of options like masks, t-shirts, hoodies, key chains, posters, and coffee mugs. "To keep the excitement high, we are dropping other products too," says Tharun Kishore Sudhir, director of the movie.

Going with the need of the hour, the team decided to go ahead with the release of the mask first. "Although we are excited to see movie buffs in theatres, we are equally concerned about their safety. Darshan sir has always been well connected with his fans and he would never want to take a chance when it comes to their well-being," explains Sudhir, adding that this is also an attempt to spread social awareness on the importance of keeping safe.

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Tharun Kishore Sudhir, director, *Roberrt*

Hoping that fans will wear the masks at theatres, the masks are designed for maximum protection. "They are going to be six layered and are named D-Mask. Each pack comes with a set of three so as to give options. They are made as per government guidelines using spun bond fabric, and includes an adjustable nose strap, which makes breathing comfortable. These masks are reusable and easy to handle," says Rahuh Raj, co-founder of the Tag my Tee, who is taking care of the merchandise.

57% Indians planning vacation for 2021: Survey

EXPRESS FEATURES

The year 2020 might have played spoiltsport to travel plans for many, but that isn't stopping people from making plans for 2021.

ZestMoney, an AI-driven EMI financing and 'Buy Now Pay Later' platform, released the findings from a survey conducted to understand how Indians are shaping up their travel plans for the coming year. The survey was conducted with a sample of 4,600 respondents across metros and Tier II/III cities in India.

The survey reveals that while over 75 per cent respondents did not take a vacation in the last three months, over 57 per cent are planning their next leisure travel in early 2021. An increasing number of people want to opt for domestic travel. Within India, Goa (53.1%), followed by Kerala (32.9%) and Shimla (31.4%) ranked high on the travel bucket-list. Ladakh, Kashmir, Jaipur, Agra and Mysuru were the other popular destinations.

With the pandemic taking a hit on finances, travellers have slashed their discretionary spends, including those on leisure activities. Over 44 per cent believed that their holiday and travel budgets have been impacted. Commenting on the trend, Lizzie Chapman, CEO & co-founder at ZestMoney said, "The pandemic had halted leisure travel for many travel enthusiasts over the past year as they restrained their discretionary spends and focussed on savings. With the phased reopening across cities, consumers are gradually planning their vacations for the coming year. We have seen a gradual uptick for the category with staycations, tour packages and domestic air travel driving the demand. We are witnessing a 50% month-on-month growth in customers opting for the Pay Later solution for the travel vertical on the platform," added Chapman.

CITY READ

NEW INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

The Farmer Registration and Unified beneficiary Information System (FRUITS) portal, a project of e-governance, Government of Karnataka was inaugurated at NABARD, Karnataka Regional Office, recently. A Manimekhalai, executive director, Canara Bank, observed that the state government has been at the forefront of technical initiatives to improve the ease of banking as can be seen from the various initiatives like the BHOOMI Package, debt waiver portal and now, the FRUITS portal.

GROCERY KITS DISTRIBUTED

Adarsh Auto Drivers' Union General Secretary, mantr4change, and Surya Foundation distributed grocery kits to auto drivers to celebrate Christmas

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1. Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace; 2. Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel; 3. Chikka Devaraja Wodeyar

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) L Thiagarajan
2) Murali Shimoga Lakshminarayana
3) Rohit Singh G

GIFT IN STYLE

If you're looking for gifting options, check out these hampers which include a wide range of options. From adult colouring books to potted plants and party supplies, these curated hampers have been put together just for this festive season
Details: thedotted.in

DONUTS, THE FESTIVE WAY

Imagine that cute Santa face or a lovely Christmas tree as donuts for your Christmas celebrations! Mad Over Donuts is here to delight you with such gourmet donuts designed for Christmas! Available in Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru, Delhi & Chennai till January 3. **For details, visit:** madoverdonuts.com; **Order at:** moddelivery.com

SEASON FOR SUNFLOWER

Soulflower assures you'll be looking gorgeous for those under-the-mistletoe moments. Treat yourself and your loved ones to a true pampering experience this Christmas along with Soulflower Secret Santa Beauty Christma Gift Collection and Soulflower Lavender Christmas Set. **Available at:** sunflower.biz

DINNERWARE OF DESIRE

With Christmas being just a few days away, luxury homegrown dinnerware brand Kaunteya has curated two sets of Gifting Box for your loved ones. The items include a cookie platter with two coffee mugs and four sets of coffee mugs from the JYAMITI & PICHWAI series. All products are crafted in premium Bone China and in 24KT gold Plating. **Available at:** kaunteya.in

CHECK OUT THE 'Biryani & Pulao Collection' at the ITC Hotels. **To order, call:** 080-61401227, 080-61401205

Traditional Dishes

This holiday season, celebrate the Christmas spirit with traditional chicken and turkey roasts. The Slow Roast Turkey is made with Green Peppercorn & Cranberry Bread Sauce, Hasselback Roast Potatoes, and Roasted Red Pumpkin Puree. The herb butter is basted and served with green peppercorn & cranberries bread sauce and is oven roasted with hasselback potatoes and red pumpkin puree to make it juicy and soft.
Where: Bloomsburys **Call:** 9061940786

Wine for the times

Grover Zampa Vineyards is all set to add to the festive spirit with its latest and newest offering. The fine wine producer introduces bottled mulled wine – One Tree Hill Mulled Wine. This wine gives an Indian twist to this European classic. Priced at `650. **For details, visit:** groverzampa.in

Korean food for the Indian household

InKo Centre, in association, with Korea Tourism Organization, presents The Korean culinary series – Korean Cooking for Indian Homes – with delectable recipes that can easily be made in Indian homes. The episodic series will introduce you to 10 recipes (including Beachu Kimchi and Japchae), airing today at 6 pm. **Available at:** https://www.youtube.com/InKoCentre

Skin deep

Try out this range of skin care products by Kaya Clinics to prevent dry skin. Anytime Moisturizing Cream which contains a light formulation with shea and kokum butter, providing hydration and moisturisation, a Daily Pore Minimizing Toner, which is a soothing everyday toner, a Deep Nourish Elbow & Foot Cream which contains shea butter and coconut oil. **Details:** shop.kaya.in

Period care in a box

&Me presents their monthly period box – Inside & Out, which aims at providing complete and uncompromising period comfort. The kit comprises of &Me's niche offerings like Period Tea, Period Chocolates, "No compromise" Sanitary pads, "Easy" Menstrual cup and Soothe Roll On.
Available at: andme.in

Velammal's own Margazhi utsav

Velammal School is set to host Digital Margazhi Utsav 2020 , featuring sessions by popular singers Srinivas, Anuradha Sriram, Nithyashree Mahadevan, Shravan, Sai Charan and many others. The festival will be live-streamed at 6 pm from December 23 to January 5. **Watch it at:** Velammal Nexus YouTube channel.

DIY perfume journey

ISAK Labs brings to you a unique box to stimulate your olfactory senses and 'Make your own Perfume'. There are 12 ingredients/bases ready for perfumery along with an ISAK Lab Workbook with notes, formula sheets, and space to take down your personal notes. The detailed instructions and steps will guide you through the process, helping you explore your creativity while mesmerising you through the creation of your unique bespoke perfume. Priced at `2,700.
Available at: isakfragrances.com, silkayra.com, storyofindia.in, scentkraft.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

BLACK RICE HALWA

INGREDIENTS

- **Black Rice -** 1/4 cup
- **Country sugar -** 1 cup
- **Ghee -** 3 tbsp
- **Grated coconut -** 2 tbsp
- **Cashew -** 10
- **Cardamom powder -** 1/4 tsp

METHOD

- Grind black rice into a smooth powder.
- Roast cashews in one tablespoon of ghee and keep aside.
- Melt ghee in a pan and add the rice powder to it. Sauté for two minutes, add three cups of water and stir continuously without letting any lump to form.
- Keep stirring until the mixture thickens. Add country sugar and keep stirring. Add cardamom powder, grated coconut, one tablespoon of ghee and keep stirring until the ghee seperates and halwa stops sticking to the pan.
- Remove from heat, garnish with cashew and grated coconut, and serve.

M Chella Roja, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

GREAT WOMEN OF BUSINESS

From Coco Chanel to Julia Child, in this special 12-episode series, expect stories of the triumphs of individuals ahead of their time. The podcast examines their most innovative business principles and how those shaped their work and lives.
- On Apple Podcasts

THE SCHOOL OF GREATNESS

In this podcast, author Lewis Howes shares inspiring interviews from the most successful people on the planet. These are world-renowned leaders in business, entertainment, sports, science, health, and literature who will inspire you to unlock your inner greatness and live your best life.
- On Apple Podcasts

VISHNU KI SECRET LIFE

In this podcast, you'll learn something new about nutrition, fitness, life or lifestyle choices, from Vishnu's own experiences and sometimes, his questionable decisions.
- On Spotify

THE BIG SHOTS - DOSA KING

This thrilling Spotify Original podcast by Sikhya Entertainment, offers an epic drama about the exponential rise of P Rajagopal, the founder of Saravana Bhavan, and the shocking scandal that led to his fall.
- On Spotify

LETS NOT MEET: A TRUE HORROR PODCAST

The podcast offers true horror stories written by those that made it out alive. Those narrated are first person accounts and these are an anthology of terror and suspense. It's produced by martial artist.
- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KOTIGOBBA 2

A real estate agent disguises himself as a robber and loots wealthy people. When the police begin the investigation, he tries to convince them that his identical twin brother is the culprit.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Nithya Menen

VAJRAKAYA

Viraj, an orphan adopted at a young age, discovers that his mother and grandfather are still alive. Soon, he embarks on a journey to meet his mother, who lives under the tyranny of her father.
- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Nabha Natesh, Karunya Ram

RAMA RAMA RE

An escaped death row convict ends up taking a road trip with an old man on a personal mission and a young couple trying to elope.
- Cast: Dharamanna Kadur, Nataraj S Bhat

THAMIZH

Thamizh, a brave youth, looks forward to working with his brother in Kuwait. Meanwhile, circumstances force him to clash with some gangsters which earn him Periyavar's wrath.
- Cast: Prashanth and Simran

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 FRACTALS AND THE ART OF ROUGHNESS BY BENOIT MANDELBROT

At TED2010, mathematics legend Benoit Mandelbrot develops a theme he first discussed at TED in 1984 – the extreme complexity of roughness and the way that fractal math can find order within patterns that seem unknowably complicated.

2 MYSTERIES OF VERNACULAR: UKULELE BY JESSICA ORECK AND RACHAEL TEEL

When 19th century Portuguese travelers landed in Hawaii with a small four-stringed guitar, a member of the king's court, nicknamed Jumping Flea, or ukulele in Hawaiian, took to the instrument. Jessica Oreck and Rachael Teel explain how an affinity for the ukulele gave the instrument its name.

3 A PATH TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT FOR REFUGEES BY CHRYSTINA RUSSELL

Out of the more than 70 million displaced people worldwide, only three percent have access to higher education. The Global Education Movement is on a mission to change that with the first large-scale initiative of its kind to help refugee learners get bachelor's degrees.

4 THE POST-CRISIS CONSUMER BY JOHN GERZEMA

John Gerzema says there's an upside to the recent financial crisis – the opportunity for positive change. In this talk, he identifies four major cultural shifts driving new consumer behavior and shows how businesses are evolving to connect with thoughtful spending.

5 AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BY BILLY SAMUEL MWAPE

After his son was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Billy Samuel Mwape realized that his project management skills might be put to use to support his child's special needs.

FIT BIT

MOORCHHA PRANAYAMA

(SWOONING BREATH)

In Sanskrit, Moorchha means 'fainting' or 'swooning breath'. It is a yogic breathing technique, designed to enhance mental energy and provide a subtle sense of euphoria. Pranayama is a practice in which conscious awareness and control of the breath helps to maintain a healthy flow of prana (vital life force) in the body. The name stems from a feeling of dizziness created by the practice; when the practitioner becomes lightheaded, they are said to become devoid of all senses. It should not be attempted until more simple forms of pranayama have been mastered. In addition, it should not be practised by those who are pregnant.

STEPS

- First, sit in any easy meditation posture, such as Sukhasana or Padmasana.
- Relax the body, rest the hands on the knees and soften the shoulders.
- Then, sit upright and align the head with the spine.
- Now engage Khecari Mudra (roll the tongue to the soft palate or nasal cavity).
- Tilt the head back slightly and begin to slowly inhale through both nostrils, using Ujayii breath.
- Now acquire Shambhavi Mudra (bring the gaze to the centre of the eyebrows).
- Straighten the arms, lock the elbows and press the palms into the knees.
- At the top of the inhale, retain the breath and engage Jalandhar Bandha (chin lock).
- When you feel extreme dizziness, begin to slowly exhale the breath.
- Now return to a relaxed body position with the eyes closed, take a moment to pause and appreciate the tranquility created by the practice.

BENEFITS

- Helps to achieve inner bliss and remain happy for prolonged periods of time.
- Effective form of pranayama for removing lustful feelings.
- Body fats can be removed through this pranayama.
- It cures weakness of muscles and headaches.
- Provides a practitioner with a strong yet subtle feeling of euphoria.
- Helps in enhancing the overall mental energy of a practitioner.
- The mind of a person is cleansed completely and the practitioner can experience strong feelings of nonexistence and extreme joy along with a sense of floating and the boundaries of the body disappearing.
- Makes it possible for thought patterns in the mind to cease which in turn gives rise to a sensation of complete nonexistence.
- Reduces mental tension, stress and insomnia.

LIMITATIONS

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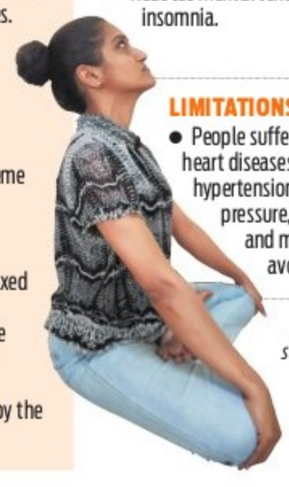

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NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

LAW (Kannada)

Nandini is a law graduate who presents a case of gang rape and uses the power of social media to gain support. Brahma, the officer in charge, begins his investigation.

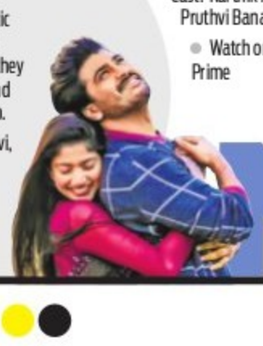
Cast: Ragini Prajwal, Mukhyamantri Chandru, Siri Prahlad, Rajesh Nataranga

PADI PADI LECHE MANASU (Telugu)

Set in Kolkata, the romantic drama chronicles the shared destiny of a young couple as they navigate through the highs and lows of a budding relationship.

Cast: Sharwanand, Sai Pallavi, Suneel

- Watch on: Amazon Prime



FRENCH BIRIYANI (Kannada)

Simon is a representative of a drug company from France and Asgar is a local auto driver from Shivajinagar. They share a two-day journey in the city where a comedy of errors changes the way they look at life.

Cast: Danish Sait, Sal Yusuf, Disha Madan, Rangayana Raghu, Michael Madhu

Watch on: Amazon Prime

GANTUMOOTE (Kannada)

A 16-year-old girl embarks on a journey of life where she deals with understanding herself, the changing world, bullying, academic pressure and her transcending journey of first love.

Cast: Karthik Achari, Aryan, Pruthvi Banawasi

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SCAM 1992: THE HARSHAD MEHTA STORY (Hindi, series)

Set in 1980's and 90's Bombay, it follows the life of Harshad Mehta, a stockbroker who took the stock market to dizzying heights and his catastrophic downfall.

Cast: Pratik Gandhi, Shreya Dhanwanthary, Anjali Barot

- Watch on: SonyLIV

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UNPAUSED (Hindi, series)

The plot focuses on the fall and ultimate rise of Chadha's character as she comes to terms with her husband's indiscretions with the help of a friendly neighbour.

Cast: Hussain Sayed Anwar, Abhishek Banerjee, Shardul Bharadwaj

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

NINNU KORI (Telugu)

Two lovers, Pallavi and Uma get separated by circumstances, but reconnect years later, when Pallavi is happily married to someone else.

Cast: Nani, Nivetha Thomas, Aadhi

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

FOREIGN

MARY POPPINS RETURNS (English)

A few decades after her original visit, Mary Poppins, the magical nanny, returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

Cast: Emily Blunt, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Ben Whishaw

- Watch on: Disnep + Hotstar

THE NIGHT COMES FOR US (Indonesian)

Ito, a gangland enforcer, caught amidst a treacherous and violent insurrection within his Triad crime family upon his return home from a stint abroad.

Cast: Joe Taslim, Iko Uwais, Julie Estelle

- Watch on: Netflix

BORAT SUBSEQUENT MOVIEFILM (English)

Follow-up film to the 2006 comedy centering on the real-life adventures of a fictional Kazakh television journalist named Borat.

Cast: Sacha Baron Cohen, Maria Bakalova, Tom Hanks

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

REBECCA (English)

A young newlywed arrives at her husband's imposing family estate on a windswept English coast and finds herself battling the shadow of his first wife, Rebecca, whose legacy lives on in the house long after her death.

Cast: Lily James, Armie Hammer, Kristin Scott Thomas

- Watch on: Netlix

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DHRUVA SARJA
TO PLAY PARA COMMANDO IN RAGHAVENDRA HEGDE'S DIRECTORIAL

A SHARADHAA

The *Jaggu Dada* director has come up with a plot based on a military subject, which is inspired by real life conditions

RAGHAVENDRA Hegde sir narrated a story. what a wonderful first half. Felt refreshed , Jai Hanuman. (sic)," Dhruva Sarja posted on Twitter, giving an update about his next film, which will go on floors in 2021. According to the director, the story has been finalised, and he has narrated the first half of the screenplay. "The second half will be done on January 20, after which we will take it forward with the finalisation of the cast and crew. We will start the shooting after that," the *Jaggu Dada* director told *CE*. Throwing some light on the subject, he said, "This is a plot inspired by real conditions. It is based on a military subject, which will feature Dhruva Sarja in the role of a para commando."

Since the plot has universal appeal, Raghavendra Hegde plans to make the film in multiple languages. "We are currently discussing the possibilities of taking the film across regions, and a confirmation about the languages in which it will be made will come after a few rounds of discussions," he said.

The year 2021 will begin for Dhruva Sarja with Nanda Kishore's directorial, *Pogaru*. The *Bharjari* actor also has Dubaari in the pipeline.

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Raghavendra Hegde
director

Shilpa Shetty is the latest to join *Sugar Factory*

Shilpa Shetty

Krishna

The actor will be a part of director Deepak Aras' comedy entertainer starring Krishna, Sonal Monteiro and Adhvithi Shetty

CE FEATURS

DEEPAK Aras' upcoming comedy entertainer *Sugar Factory,* starring Krishna, will feature three female leads. The latest and the third heroine to join the cast will be Shilpa Shetty. The latter brings in her experience of working in Kannada serials and Tulu films, and this will be her first film in Sandalwood. She will be sharing screen space with the *Love Mocktail* hero, along with Sonal Monteiro and Adhvithi Shetty as the other two heroines.

With the lead cast set, Deepak Aras plans to start the project on Jan. 28, and the first schedule will begin in Bengaluru. For Deepak, who is the brother of actor Amulya, this will be the second film he will direct, after *Manasology.*

Sugar Factory is being produced by Girish R, and made under the banner of Balamani Productions. It has dialogues written by director Chethan Kumar, who will also be penning the lyrics to one of the seven tracks in the film. Yogaraj Bhat and Jayanth Kaikini will also be writing lyrics for the album, which has music composed by Kabir Rafi. Santhosh Rai Pathaje will be handling the camerawork for the film.

Telugu and Hindi remakes of *Dia* take off

Director KS Ashoka is currently in Mumbai along with Sachin, who is helming the Bollywood film; the Telugu remake features Megha Akash in the titular role

K S Ashoka

CE FEATURS

KS Ashoka, the maker of *6-5=2,* who later made heads turn with *Dia,* is now giving a Bollywood touch to his second film. The filmmaker is currently in Mumbai, where he is working along with the creative team on the Hindi remake of the Kannada film. The director is looking after the pre-production work, along with director Sachin, who will be helming the Hindi remake.

The Kannada film was written and directed by K S Ashoka, and produced by Krishna Chaitanya under the banner of Sri Swarnalatha Productions. The film's music was composed by B Ajaneesh Loknath, and it received a good response from the audience when it was released on Feb. 7 earlier this year, putting actors Pruthvi Ambaar and Kushee Ravi in the spotlight. The popularity of the film, which also featured Deekshith Shetty, grew further when it was later released on OTT, and it got a favourable response from both Kannadiga and non-Kannadiga viewers. This was one of the first films that saw a re-release post lockdown, with the team adding a theme track.

For its Bollywood journey, the production house is looking to cast fresh faces. The makers plan to begin the shooting in January, for which they have finalised locations in Lucknow, Dehradun and Mussoorie.

Meanwhile, shooting for the Telugu remake is on. It is being directed by Sushanth, and stars Megha Akash of *Enai Noki Paayum Thota* fame in the titular role. Pavithra Lokesh will be reprising the mother's role, which she had played in the original too.

The remake rights for *Dia* have been sold to Tamil and Malayalam moviemakers as well, and work is expected begin soon in these two versions also.

Megha Akash

Rashmika Mandanna bags her first Hindi film

CE FEATURS

SIDHARTH Malhotra will headline an upcoming thriller titled *Mission Majnu,* based on the story of 'India's most ambitious covert operation' against Pakistan. The actor will essay a RAW agent in the 1970s who leads the mission. The film marks the Bollywood debut of Rashmika Mandanna, who will essay the female lead.

"*Mission Majnu* is a patriotic tale inspired by true events that celebrates the hard work of RAW agents who go out of their way to protect the citizens of our country," Sidharth shared. "It is a privilege to tell the story of our brave agents, and I am eager to revisit a mission that forever changed the relationship between India and Pakistan. I am looking forward to sharing this special film with everyone."

Thrilled for her Bollywood debut, Rashmika said, "I have been fortunate to receive so much love from audiences across languages. As an actor it is always the story of the film that I connect with, and the language of the film is never a barrier for me."

DOGGED IDEALISM IN A CLASSROOM

ADITYA SHRIKRISHNA

BIWEEKLY BINGE | ITAEWON CLASS
STREAMING ON: NETFLIX

ONE of the often-referenced scenes from The Wire is the one where Wallace, Poot and D'Angelo are talking about Chicken McNuggets. Wallace and Poot are wondering about the ocean of wealth the inventor is probably swimming in thanks to the dish. D'Angelo will have none of it. He lays it down straight; Ronald McDonald is not writing checks to that cook, who probably still cuts a sorry figure earning regular wage. This moment plays out for real in the Korean drama Itaewon Class, streaming on Netflix. Almost offhand, Park Sae-ro-yi (Park Seo-joon) learns that his rival food company Jangga was rescued and reinforced by a sauce invented by his father, who not only never got his due but was forced to resign from his position thanks to the nascent idealism of Sae-ro-yi. His father's subsequent death is what motivates him to bring the Jangga empire down.

Itaewon Class concluded before the seriousness of the Covid pandemic kicked in at the end of March. The pandemic has, more than anything else in recent times, shown the after-effects of neoliberalism. There was a vast void between those who could survive brutal lockdowns and those who couldn't. The abuse and lack of power leads to some violent ends in Itaewon Class. At the heart of it, or at least till about halfway in, the focus is on the have-nots and marginalised.

Sae-ro-yi and his business partner Seung-kwon are ex-cons, and it is Sae-ro-yi's refusal to accept his fate as a lifelong member of that class that inspires Seung-kwon to join forces with his prison mate. DanBam, the modest pub that Sae-ro-yi starts has a trans woman as a head chef — Hyeon-yi (played by actress Lee Joo-young). Sae-ro-yi's character is written all through as a dogged idealist and optimist. His rival's motto that the strong preys on the weak is constantly running in his mind, that his idea of existence, sustenance and success is defined by levelling the playing field for all. Early in the series, his childhood friend, first love and employee of Jangga, Soo-ah asks him, with the aftertaste of sarcasm, does it feel good to perform a good deed and feel nice about oneself. Soo-ah is sometimes defined by the cynicism of her orphanage nurturing, living off philanthropic altruism of empires, but Sae-ro-yi's idealism is shaped by loss and experience, something he was forced to learn.

The gentrified Itaewon setting helps flesh out this melting pot. A part of Seoul that's home to expats, foreigners and international businesses, it is perfect for Sae-ro-yi to establish an institution that's truly liberal and democratic, his values going against, say, Gangnam, for instance.

The series has its weaknesses: there is a forcefulness in making the Sae-ro-yi and Yi-seo — the company's young manager — romance work and her character, beliefs and ideals are always at odds with DanBam's mission statement. Itaewon also helps the drama tackle multiple subjects without reducing them to stereotypes. Hyeon-yi is more than her gender, she is the star chef and rises to be one of the founding directors of the company and has her own arc. A hilarious encounter ensues when Kim Toni meets the group and they hire him as a waiter assuming he can speak English owing to the colour of his skin. Biracial, he is from Guinea with a Korean father and speaks fluent French and Korean. The show not only places focus on those who need representation but also pushes its own main characters to learn on the job and become better individuals. One of the interesting running gags is the dynamic between Seung-kwon and Hyeon-yi, the former uncomfortable and still coming to terms with the latter's gender after years of personal and professional relationship.

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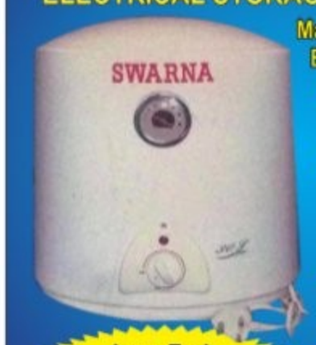

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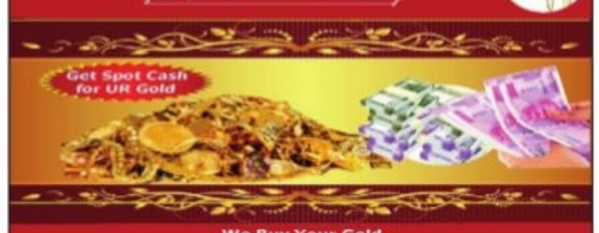

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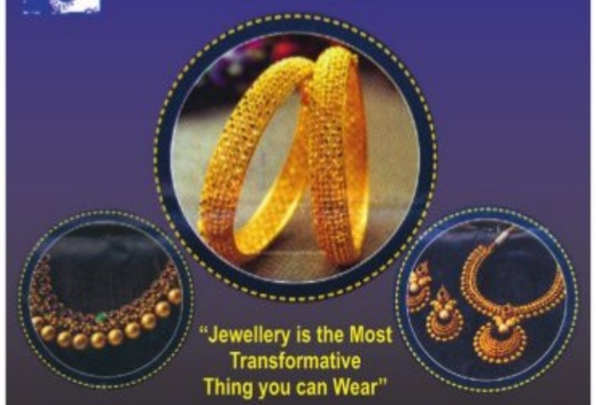

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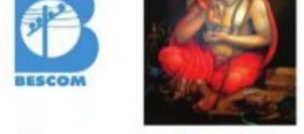

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